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24 TEAMS FOR SPAIN

by Keir Radnedge

SPAIN are losing their battle to hold the number of finalists for the 1982 World Cup at the traditional 16.

I understand that after talks in Madrid in mid-November between Spanish and FIFA officials, the decision in Zurich in May will probably be in favour of an increase to 24 finalists.

That would be a victory for Joao Havelange, the Brazilian who ousted Sir Stanley Rouse as FIFA president thanks to votes won by promising third world nations greater representation at the finals.

But though Spanish officials, led by World Cup Committee boss Raimundo Saporta and FEF president Pablo Porta, and toeing the general European party line, want to hold at 16, they admit they have the stadia and facilities to cater for 24.

If they must accept the extra finalists — and I was told that FIFA "were insisting" — they want the right to invite five non-qualifiers *of their own choice* after the other 19 participants, including hosts and holders, have been sorted out.

This might well satisfy UEFA's determination to make sure that Europe would not lose out in its share of finalists, for the Spaniards would be sure — for commercial reasons as much as sporting considerations — to choose at least four fellow continentals.

Objections

While my own inquiries lead me to believe the decision will be in favour of 24, FIFA's Rene Courte would only tell me that "there are those supporting 16 and those supporting 24 and they each have sound reasons for their views as well as objections".

One drawback relating to a switch to 24 would be the fact that Colombia in 1986 will surely be able to cope with only 16. The Colombians are scared enough already that Brazil or the United States will snatch the prize from them. A move to 24 could force them into some sort of liaison with Venezuela.

But Madrid wasn't entirely taken up with discussions on the next World Cup. The last featured too, with the release of the staggering figures from the accounts.

Argentina's extravaganza produced total receipts of £23 million (tickets £10 million, TV and radio £8 million, stadia advertising £5 million) with FIFA's expenses in footing the bills for the teams, officials, referees, etc, coming to £8 million.

That left a profit of £16 million, of which FIFA kept 10 per cent (£1.6 million), some 25 per cent goes to Argentina as hosts (£4 million) and the 16 finalists share out £10 million according to how they finished.

Argentina and Italy hit the jackpot with £1.1 million each, Holland and Brazil reap about £900,000 each.

For comparison, the 1974 World Cup in West Germany produced receipts of £18 million, costs of £4 million and a profit of about £14 million. But while 1,541,498 match tickets were sold in Argentina (81.33 per cent) the West Germans sold more, 1,769,062, but what was a smaller percentage (71.21) of the total print.

If you didn't believe football was big business before, you must recognise the fact now!

Finally, FIFA are entangled in a dispute with the International Olympic Committee over the 1980 Moscow Olympics which could well lead to the welcome disappearance of football from the Games.

The trouble has arisen over the decision by FIFA Congress earlier this year in Buenos Aires that no players who have appeared in World Cup qualifying or finals matches for European and South American countries should be allowed to take part in the Olympics.

The IOC objected and asked FIFA to alter the decision. FIFA have now told the IOC that such matters can be dealt with only by a Congress and the next one is four years away! Should the IOC insist, then FIFA president Havelange said in Madrid he would probably have to pull football out of the Olympics.

Do I hear someone saying 'Not before time'?

But that's not the end of trouble. The Eastern European nations who have dominated since 1952 are up in arms at the European qualifying groups, since Bulgaria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Poland have all been thrown in together.

Attacked

That patently stage-managed state of affairs was viciously attacked by the Warsaw Pact Press, in particular the Russian agency Tass and the Czechoslovak paper Rude Pravo. From their comments it seems that the Eastern European honeymoon with Havelange has now ended.

You may recall that the Russians were among those who helped tip the balance in his favour in 1974 because of their disgust at Rous's attitude to the Soviet refusal to play a World Cup play-off in Chile.

The qualifying arrangements — as they stand — are:

Qualified by right: — Russia (hosts), E. Germany (holders).

Group one: Bulgaria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Poland. Group two: Italy, Greece, Turkey, Austria, Yugoslavia. Group three: Holland, Belgium, Israel, France, Spain. Group four: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Rep. Ireland, West Germany.

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DUTCH GLOOM

FEW events in recent weeks have done anything to lift the gloom which has descended on Dutch club football; defeat for PSV in the European Cup; a League championship which is standing on its head and Ajax beaten 8-0 at the Olympic Stadium by Bayern Munich in Johan Cruyff's farewell match.

As far as the dismissal of PSV is concerned, their goalless draw in Scotland against Rangers had seemed a sufficiently useful result to turn the scales at Eindhoven.

But the Scots even shrugged off an early goal and sent PSV's proud home record in the competition crashing. Injuries have been hitting the Philips club, but not as badly as this result provides.

However the two most notable absentees, goalkeeper Jan van Beveren and Willy Van der Kuylen the skipper and top scorer were sadly missing from this vital game.

PSV who have been vainly chasing Ajax finally caught up with them on points at least, but then in the 13th round the entire championship seemed to be turned upside down.

Ajax were smarting from the sensation of that defeat by Bayern before a capacity crowd in the Olympic Stadium in Amsterdam when the crowd came to cheer Cruyff and finished up by throwing cushions on the pitch in disgust.

Still Ajax faced Roda JC who have been reasonably consistent this term losing just once in the championship to PSV. But they ended a week of ignominy by losing 2-1 to the team from Kerkrade.

At the same time PSV failed even more lamentably at home to PEC Zwolle who has been the only side in the division without a win in the League. They achieved it notably enough by beating the champions 1-0.

This meant that Roda were ahead for the first time this season with a one point lead over Ajax and PSV. Then comes a three point gap before AZ 67, Feyenoord and Sparta are bunched together and under the present topsy-turvy nature of the championship, almost anything can happen.

By far the most prolific scorers in the League are AZ 67 whose latest result puts them on the 41 goal mark after defeating NEC Nijmegen 8-1. The Alkmaar club's 13 matches have produced a total of 63 goals and they still cannot be ruled out of winning the title.

Attendances are not improving, but presumably not getting much worse with a recent full programme in the First Division attracting 95,500.

Johan Cruyff, before his last appearance for Ajax against Bayern Munich.

Anderlecht slide...

ANDERLECHT'S slide finally put them off the top of the table when they crashed by three goals to the champions FC Bruges, who have also been showing only average form this season.

New leaders Beveren Waas defeated Lokeren also by three clear goals to take a one point lead over Anderlecht with a match in hand of their nearest rivals, too.

But there is nothing to choose between many of the teams since six points separate the first and 14th placed clubs.

Newly promoted Waterschei are probably the surprise of the new season with only one defeat so far and now a match in hand of other teams since their match with Standard Liege was abandoned in fog without any score.

Goals have been scarce here, however, with only fifteen coming from their 11 matches and Waterschei drawing six times in getting just nine goals themselves.

AEK OUT

NOTTINGHAM Forest put the skids under AEK Athens in the European Cup and as a result the Greeks have also slumped in the championship, not only losing the leadership of the League to Ethnikos but are finding Olympiakos level with them on points.

The first leg with Forest had not even started when a row blew up between AEK's trainer Ferenc Puskas and Dimitrious Domazos the club's experienced international midfield player who had been with the ex-galloping major at Panathinaikos.

Domazos was left out of the first leg in which Milton Viera the Uruguayan international was sent off and subsequently fined by Puskas. The disagreement between Puskas and Domazos was patched up and the 52 times capped international turned out in the second leg which only led to further embarrassment for AEK who were beaten 5-1.

In the League only six points separate the first half dozen clubs with significantly Ethnikos, AEK, Olympiakos, Aris Salonika and Panathinaikos the traditional big clubs making the running in that order.

FC Porto on top

PORTO maintained their slender advantage of a point at the head of the Portuguese First Division with a draw in Lisbon against Sporting, their opponents who are lying third behind Benfica 1-0 winners away to Beavista.

Oddly enough the first three teams have each scored 13 goals with Porto being particularly tight in defence having conceded only four while Benfica have let in five and Sporting only six.

Goals being at a premium generally, the Benfica winner was netted by Nene who is one of eight players level with the same total.

Leading scorer is Coentro Faria of Barreirense who has only managed five himself.

Sporting Braga the early League leaders have been suffering from injuries with Chico Gordo their top UEFA Cup marksman continuing his absence from the team.

Injury kept him out of the European tie with West Bromwich Albion which ended in Braga's dismissal.

U.S.S.R.

Why is the Soviet Union not a soccer super-power?

FOR MORE than six years now Russia have been the sleeping giants of European football.

On the face of it, the Soviet potential is enormous. The dedicated strides towards proficiency and domination in many other sports has been clear enough for years. But somehow soccer has taken a backward step and there is as yet no sign of Russia emerging from the gloom.

Their last achievement was to reach the European championship final in 1972, where they were beaten 3-0 in Brussels by West Germany's fine Beckenbauer-Netzer team.

Since that day . . . nothing.

Russia tried to play politics over their World Cup play-off with Chile in 1973 and were hoiked out of the competition for refusing to play the second leg in Santiago's notorious national stadium. I've yet to hear whether the Chileans' claim for some sort of financial compensation for loss of that game was settled . . .

Turkey, Switzerland and the Republic of Ireland didn't stretch Russia too severely in the first round of the 1974-76 European championship but eventual winners Czechoslovakia scored a 2-0, 2-2 success in the quarter finals to surprise the team the Russians were then building around Dynamo Kiev.

The Ukrainian club, regular competitors in Europe since the day they knocked new champions Celtic out of the European Cup in the first round in 1967-68, had sprung to an immense reputation by virtue of their fine 3-0 win over Ferencvaros in the 1975 Cup-winners' Cup Final.

It seemed then that in Oleg Blokhin, Viktor Kolotov and Co, Soviet soccer had at last found a team with more than a little flair.

The stereotyped image which had long been theirs could have been dissipated once and for all, but for the Russians' own overbearing desire to succeed.

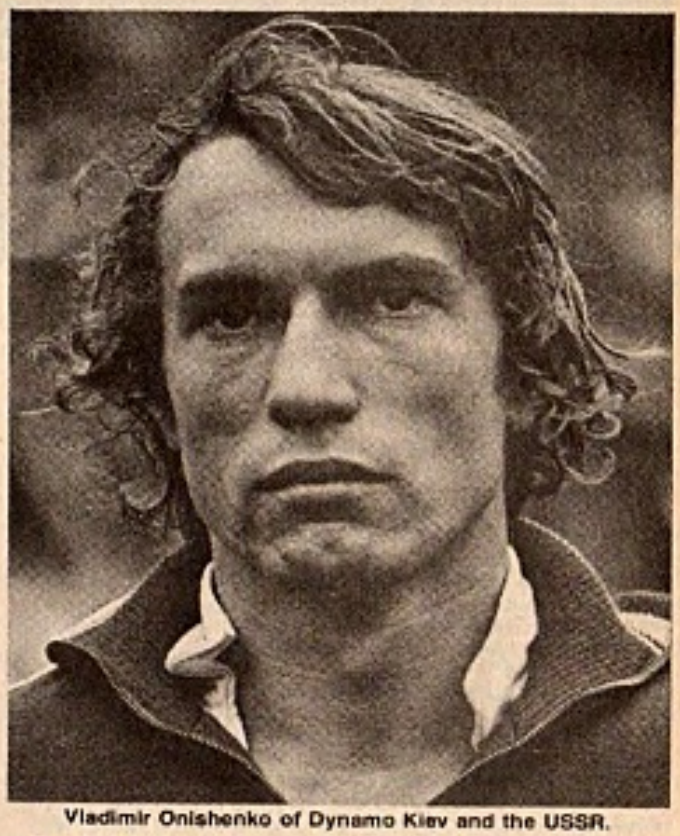
Internationals

Kiev were transformed into the national team as well as a club team. Coaches Valeri Lobanovsky and Mikhail Basilevich were saddled with the task of organising the side for internationals as well as the league and, when Moscow Spartak started looking less than able to form the backbone of the Olympic team, Kiev took on that mantle too.

It was far too much. In the early 1950s, when international club soccer meant only friendlies it was possible to combine club and country as the Hungarians did — though even the Hungarians didn't put all their eggs in one basket, basing their great side on two clubs, Honved and MTK.

Kiev collapsed under the weight of responsibility. They were trying to play domestic league and cup games — though they were excused fielding a full senior team during the run-up to the Olympics — as well as European club and international commitments. In Blokhin, the blond and skilfully quick left winger they had a player who was the league's top scorer four times in a row, the European footballer of the year for 1975, and Russia's most outstanding footballer since Valeri Voronin in the mid-1960s.

But even Blokhin's talented enthusiasm was starting to fade by the time the Russians finished a comparative failure of third in the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Beaten 2-1 by East Germany in the semi-finals, they defeated Brazil 2-0 in the third place play-off. But already some outsiders such as Dynamo Moscow's Alexander Minaev had infiltrated the Kiev block, and on returning home the club-and-country experiment was abandoned and poor Lobanovsky and his Kiev colleagues were ungratefully and ungraciously told to take their leave.



Vladimir Onishenko of Dynamo Kiev and the USSR.

They hadn't been to blame — they had been beaten by a system — and now it's the great centre forward of the 1950s, Arminian Nikita Simonian, who is charged with restoring Russia's pride.

Simonian is one of the greatest names in Russian footballing history, not that this goes far back in one sense, for although the Soviet Union joined FIFA only in 1946, it wasn't until the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki that they first came out of their shell.

But football had been known in Russia since the late 1880s, introduced by the Charnock brothers to the workers at their cotton mill at Orekhovo near Moscow. Clement Charnock brought over some footballs and a Blackburn Rovers strip.

Later a league sprung up in St Petersburg, to be followed in the early years of the century by Moscow. Other cities were infected and in 1912 the Tsarist Russian Football Union joined FIFA and played one game — and were beaten 2-1 by Finland — in the Stockholm Olympics.

Football took a back seat during the Revolution and it wasn't until 1945 that Russian footballers came out into the open to prove what progress had been made. Then Moscow Dynamo took Britain by storm and though they've been back since — most recently this past month of November for several friendlies — they will never again make the impact that Tiger Komich and his team had in those bleak days of the immediate post-war era.

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KEIR RADNEDGE investigates

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The Russians were still thought of as allies then, but the closure of the Iron Curtain and the decade of the cold war kept further contacts to a minimum. The next time English and Russian sides would meet was in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden.

The Russians had maintained a foot in international soccer through the Olympics, featuring in 1952 in that astonishing second round game against Yugoslavia in Tampere when the Russians, under the impulsion of that dual football-ice hockey star Bobrov, battled back from 5-1 down to draw 5-5. Without Komich to secure the defence, however — he'd been injured shortly before the tournament — they lost the replay 3-1 and the Slavs went on to lose 2-0 to Hungary in the final.

Russia stayed out of the 1954 World Cup. On the one hand they claimed it was unfair for them to compete since all their players were amateurs — those spurious 'state amateurs' — but the general feeling was that they were nervous they might be humiliated.

That these fears were groundless was shown after the finals when they beat Sweden 7-0 and drew 1-1 with Hungary and when, in Melbourne, in 1956, they took the Olympic title with a 1-0 win over Yugoslavia in the final — grand revenge for Tampere.

But by now the Russians had discovered three new stars — goalkeeper Lev Yashin, left half and skipper Igor Netto, and centre forward Simonian.

To start with the most famous, Yashin. Born in 1928, Yashin once grew so disillusioned with his role in the wings behind Komich at Moscow Dynamo that he seriously considered turning full-time to his other favourite sport, ice hockey.

However Komich was transferred to Minsk and Yashin came into his own, being generally acknowledged the world's greatest goalkeeper for more than a decade. Tall, agile, with sure hands, he played a record 291 league games for Dynamo and was in Russia's squad for four World Cups, from 1958 to 1970 — the latter being the only tournament in which he didn't play.

In 1963 he was European Footballer of the Year and played for FIFA against England at Wembley. At around the same time he overcame a spell of disfavour to regain his place in the national team, saving a vital Sandro Mazzola penalty in a European championship tie with Italy.

In my book, at least, Yashin is the greatest goalkeeper of the modern era. After retiring in a special jubilee game before a capacity 102,000 in Moscow's Lenin stadium in 1971 he became general manager with Dynamo and is now poised to take on a similar job with the national team to aid Simonian.

Simonian was Russia's centre forward in their Melbourne win and played for Dynamo's closest rivals, Moscow Spartak, as did Netto, the calm long-striding wing half whose career was unluckily struck by injury at the time of the 1958 World Cup when, in the finals, he played only once.

But while Russia, having beaten England 1-0 in a frenetic group play-off to reach the quarter finals, were then turned inside out by the genius of Brazilian right-winger Garrincha, they were on the up-and-up when it came to the first Nations' Cup in 1958-60.

Russia became the first winners, beating old enemies Yugoslavia 2-1 in the old Parc des Princes in Paris after extra time, and revealing more outstanding players. One was fast right winger Slava Metrevelli, another the bull-like centre Victor Pondelnik, who scored the 113th-minute winner, yet another the compact and neat inside forward Valentin Ivanov, who is now first team coach to his old club, Moscow Torpedo.

Ivanov was a fixture for years after, playing in the World Cup in Chile in 1962 and captaining the team beaten 2-1 in Madrid by Spain in the final of the 1964 Nations' Cup.

These were indeed Russian football's best years. For, it seemed, they were discovering one outstanding player after another and this time the new hero was right half Valeri Veronin. He'd made his debut with Torpedo at 18 in 1958 and won more than 50 caps before falling foul first of the authorities for being too much of a star, and then of a serious car crash.

The Russians have never hesitated to clamp down firmly on players who step out of line. The most famous case was that of Eduard Strelzov, the fine centre-forward who promised to be the greatest of all in the late 1950s before being convicted of drunkenness and attempted rape.

In the manner of recent sentences in the West, Strelzov might elsewhere have been freed on condition that he played a game for charity, but not in Russia. Because he was a famous personality his responsibility and culpability was held to be the more serious and he was given a 12-year jail and hard labour sentence.

In fact he emerged late in 1964, picked up the pieces of his career and very nearly earned the right to a trip to England for the 1966 World Cup. His form deserved it, but the Russians feared the publicity and decided that he wouldn't suit their image.

NATIONAL TEAM MANAGERS' RECORD (since 1952)

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Gavril Kachalin	76	49	15	12	180	65
Nikolai Morozov	31	15	9	7	51	33
Mikhail Iakushin	28	16	8	4	51	28
Nikita Simonian	19	10	3	6	36	18
Valeri Lobanovsky	17	9	4	4	29	17
Viktor Nikolayev	15	8	6	1	25	7
Alexander Ponomarev	14	7	4	3	23	16
Konstantin Beskov	12	5	4	3	15	11
Eduard Goriansky	10	3	2	5	6	6
Nikolai Gulyaev	4	2	1	1	6	4
Boris Arkadiev	3	1	1	1	8	9
German Zonin	3	1	0	2	1	2
Gennadi Glaskov	2	2	0	0	4	1
Viktor Sokolov	1	0	1	0	1	1

Nevertheless they finished fourth, losing the third place match only to a late Eusebio penalty at Wembley after stopper Khurtsilava needlessly handled a cross aimed for the Giraffe-like Jose Torres.

Metrevelli and Ivanov were now going over the hill. So was Yashin. And suddenly the Russian production line began to dry up. True their clubs now began to take their first faltering steps in Europe, and Kiev emerged to surprise Celtic and provide some all-too-brief glimpses of a talented but luckless striker in Anatoly Bishovets. True, Moscow Dynamo reached the Cup-winners' Cup final, but that wasn't until 1972, and then they lost 3-2 to Glasgow Rangers in that infamous Barcelona final.

True, the national team maintained their superb record in the European championship by reaching the last four in 1968, but lost 2-0 to England in the third place play-off.

In the 1970 World Cup they reached the quarter finals but lost 1-0 in the last minute of extra time to Uruguay. In Albert Shesternev they proved they could still produce tough defenders, but the spark had gone out of the attack.

Blokhin and his Kiev colleagues, with seven league titles as well as two cups and one Cup-winners' Cup in the past 12 years, threatened to provide that flair until their enthusiasm, skill, fitness and physical strength were drained by the demands placed upon them.

But it's interesting to see the way that Moscow has lost its grip on Soviet soccer. It was only in 1961 that Kiev became the first provincial team to break the Moscow hold on the championship, yet since then Dynamo Tbilisi, Zarya Voroshilovgrad and Ararat Erevan have all triumphed — and Ararat scored a magnificent cup and league double under Simonian's guidance in 1975.

Second championship

Today, as I write, it is Tbilisi, ably coached by Nodari Akhalkatsi and captained by top scorer David Kipiani, who led the league in its closing stages. With two games to play Tbilisi were virtually certain of only their second championship win, having 40 points from 28 games — four clear of Kiev and Moscow Dynamo.

Interestingly all three teams had done their best to live up to the new experimental rule on draws and none had reached the cut-off limit of eight draws, after which a team could earn no point for any more drawn matches.

The idea may well be continued next season, since there has been an increase in the number of goals in a championship which, for sterility, comes close to the Italian league.

But it is a strange fact that the Russians, so conservative and ponderous in everything else to do with their football, have tried no end of tinkering with the competition rules to try to liven the championship. One year they banned draws altogether — introducing penalty contests if a match finished all-square.

Last season's first division produced 436 goals from the full 30 rounds, a total which was overtaken this season with six rounds still to go.

It's not earth-shattering, but for the goal-starved Russian fans anything must be better than nothing!

And where do the national team go now? Their European championship progress has been disappointing. Greece were beaten 2-0, but that result was reversed when Simonian took his men to Budapest — and Hungary's present standing, after their 4-1 defeat in Salonika, is hardly among Europe's first division.

"We still have a lot of problems to resolve," said Simonian wearily.

"For example, to co-ordinate defence and midfield, to build an automatic understanding among the forwards. But I think we've found a settled base on which to build our team and the enthusiasm and atmosphere in the camp is good.

RUSSIA'S FULL INTERNATIONAL RECORD (since 1952)

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Hungary	15	7	4	4	19	14
Yugoslavia	13	8	4	1	28	14
Bulgaria	12	6	5	1	19	9
Sweden	11	4	4	3	25	12
Austria	10	5	1	4	13	11
Poland	9	6	0	3	21	8
Mexico	8	1	7	0	3	1
Czechoslovakia	8	4	2	2	14	10
England	7	1	3	3	7	14
East Germany	7	1	3	3	9	11
Greece	7	6	0	1	16	3
Turkey	7	5	0	2	12	5
Uruguay	7	6	0	1	14	4
France	7	2	3	2	12	10
West Germany	7	2	0	5	7	14
Argentina	6	1	3	2	3	4
Denmark	6	6	0	0	26	4
Italy	6	3	2	1	5	2
Finland	6	5	1	0	30	6
Chile	6	4	1	1	10	4
Brazil	5	0	1	4	2	10
India	5	5	0	0	26	1
Ireland (Rep.)	4	3	0	1	5	5
Rumania	4	2	2	0	6	3
N. Ireland	4	2	2	0	4	1
Switzerland	4	2	2	0	9	5
Belgium	3	3	0	0	6	1
Iceland	3	1	1	1	3	3
Morocco	3	2	1	0	7	3
Peru	3	2	1	0	4	1
El Salvador	3	3	0	0	5	0
Holland	2	0	1	1	1	3
Israel	2	2	0	0	7	1
Indonesia	2	1	1	0	4	1
Iran	2	2	0	0	3	1
Cyprus	2	2	0	0	9	2
N. Korea	2	2	0	0	6	0
Colombia	2	1	1	0	7	5
Norway	2	2	0	0	8	2
Portugal	2	0	0	2	1	3
Wales	2	1	0	1	3	3
Scotland	2	2	0	0	3	0
Algeria	1	0	1	0	2	2
Burma	1	1	0	0	1	0
Korea	1	1	0	0	1	0
Luxembourg	1	1	0	0	3	1
Scandinavia	1	0	1	0	2	2
Sudan	1	1	0	0	2	1
Tunisia	1	1	0	0	3	0
Total	235	128	58	49	436	218

(Record includes 42 games played in Olympic tournaments)

"Blokhin, Minaev and Bessonov always give all they can and it seems too that in Degtyarev we may have a goalkeeper at last with a little bit of Yashin in him."

But, as Simonian repeats in concerned despair everywhere he goes: "Blokhin is the only real thoroughbred we have and that's not enough. We need another one or two class players in attack to switch the pressure off Blokhin and back on the opposition where it ought to be."

If the Russians had done more themselves to ease the pressure on Blokhin they might now be further on the way back up that long hill to the respectable position from which they can push their claim to stage the 1990 World Cup.

Because, after the Olympics in 1980, why not?

RUSSIAN INTERNATIONALS (since 1952)

DYNAMO KIEV. — Blokhin 54 appearances (21 goals), Kolotov 51 (20), Muntyan 49 (7), Rudakov 47 (35 conceded), Bishovets 39 (15), Sabo 35 (7), Konkov 30 (6), Trishkin 29 (1), Buryak 26 (5), Veremeyev 24 (2), Onishenko 23 (4), Voinov 22 (3), Fomenko 22, Serrebryannikov 21 (3), Khmelnitsky 20 (7), Matvienko 19, Puzach 14 (2), Reshko 13, Bessonov 9 (1), Zviagintsev 9 (1), Bannikov 7 (7 con.), Medvid 7 (2), Porkuyan 6 (4), Berezhnoi 5, Kanevsky 5, Sosnikin 4, Fomine 4, Levshenko 2, Lobanovsky 2, Makarov 2 (1 con.), Ostrovsky 2, Slobodyan 2, Biba 1, Goloubev 1, Suyev 1, Shevchenko 1, Sheped 1. — 37 players.

SPARTAK MOSCOW. — Netto 55 (4), Lovchev 51 (1), Iliyn 32 (15), Maslenkin 32 (1), Khusainov 30 (4), Tatoushin 26 (10), Simonian 22 (12), Ogonkov 21, Salnikov 17 (8), Logofet 16, Isaev 15 (5), Kiselev 14, Olshansky 13, Paramonov 12, Tishenko 11, Kavasashvili 9 (6 con.), Kroutikov 9, Korneyev 6, Seidov 5, Moser 4, Papaev 4, Abramov 3, Dikarev 3, Petrov 3, Prokhorov 3 (3 con.), Osianin 2, Ponedelnik 2 (1), Khidiatoulin 2 (1), Varlamov 1, Ivakin 1 (1 con.), Vad. Ivanov 1, Lisitsin 1 (—), Parshin 1 (1), Rozhkov 1, Falin 1, Yartzev 1. — 36 players.

DYNAMO MOSCOW. Yashin 75 (70 con.), Chislenko 51 (19), Evroushoukin 35 (6), Kuznetsov 26, Minaev 19 (4), Anichkin 18, Kessarev 14, Krizhevsky 12, Tsarev 12, Pilgui 11 (9 con.), Dolmatov 10, Makhovikov 9, Bubnov 8 (1), Val. Maslov 8 (2), Moudrik 8 (1), Goussarov 6 (1), Maksimenkov 6 (1), Subo 6 (1), Baidachny 5, Belyayev 5 (8 con.), Glotov 5, Korolenkov 5, Ryabov 5, Salnikov 5 (3), Zikov 4, Mamedov 4, Rizhkin 4, Gontar 3 (2 con.), Kozhemiakin 3, Kuznetsov 3 (3), Novikov 3, Trofimov 3 (2), Fedosov 3 (1), Shabrov 3 (2), Beskov 2, Koslov 2, Parov 2, Ourin 2, Eshtrekov 2, Kazachenok 1, Nikoulin 1, Tenyagin 1, Yakoubik 1. — 43 players.

T.S.K.A. MOSCOW. — Shesternev 89, Kaplichny 59, Istomin 32, Ponomarev 25, Fedotov 22 (4), Bashashkin 21, Afonin 13, Dubinsky 12, Astapovsky 9 (11 con.), Mamikin 9 (9), Pshenichnikov 8 (3 con.), Chesnokov 8 (4 con.), Nazarenko 7 (1), Bouboukin 6 (3), Kazakov 6 (1), Kopeikin 6, Apoukhtin 5, Olshansky 5, Porkhounov 5, Dolgov 4, Nirkov 3, Petrov 3 (1), Razinsky 3 (3), Tarkiainov 3, Ambartsoumyan 2, Nikolaev 2, Plakhetko 2, Sayukh 2, Shmouts 2 (—), Agapov 1, Val. Novikov 1 (2 con.), Perevalov 1. — 34 players.

TORPEDO MOSCOW. — Voronin 65 (5), Val. Ivanov 59 (26), Streltsov 38 (24), Kavasashvili 21 (14 con.), Metrevelli 20 (5), Lenyev 11, Gershkovitch 10 (3), Prigoda 10, Manoshin 8, Shoustikov 8, Bannikov 7 (6 con.), Zhoulikov 7, Sakharov 4, Medakin 3, Choumakov 3, Andreyuk 2, Saraev 2 (2), Chelebadze 2, Youkouasely 1. — 17 players.

C.K.A. ROSTOV-ON-DON. — Afonin 29, Ponedelnik 27 (19), Getmanov 7, Eskov 7, Kopayev 6, Matveyev 6 (2), Zinchenko 1. — 7 players.

ZARYA VOROSHILOVGRAD. — Onishenko 19 (4), Semenov 10 (3), Vasenin 9, V. Kuznetsov 8, Elisayev 7 (2), Kouksov 7, Zhouravlev 3, S. Kuznetsov 3, Malguin 3, Tkachenko 3 (2 con.), Kopaei 1, Morozov 1, Pinchyuk 1, Forkash 1 (—), Shoulizhenko 1. — 15 players.

NEFTCHI BAKU. — Banishevsky 49 (19), Shevchenko 12 (4), Markarov 3, Smolnikov 3, Touayev 3, F. Kuznetsov 2 (3), Semin 1. — 7 players.

ZENIT LENINGRAD. — Danilov 23, A. Ivanov 5 (1), Voinov 4 (2), Goloubyev 3, L. Ivanov 3 (9 con.), Zinchenko 2, Bourchalkin 1, Viyen 1 (1), Deremov 1, Maryetin 1, 0. Morozov 1. — 11 players.

DYNAMO MINSK. — Malofeyev 39 (6), Adamov 1, Remin 1. — 3 players.

SHAKHTOR DONETSK. — Konkov 14 (2), Degtyarev 13 (8 con.), Zviagintsev 4, Gorbounov 1. — 4 players.

PAKHAKOR TASHKENT. — Fedorov 17, Pshenichnikov 9 (11 con.), Kraznitsky 3 (1), An 2. — 4 players.

ARARAT EREVAN. — Andreasian 11 (1), Ishtoyan 8, Zanazanyan 5 (1), Petrosyan 3. — 4 players.

LOKOMOTIV MOSCOW. — Mashchenko 8 (5 con.), Bouboukin 5 (1), Basalaev 2, Petrakov 2 (1) Voroshilov 1 (1), Pasaev 1, Kovalev 1. — 7 players.

KARPATY LVOV. — Kozinkevich 6 (1), Koulchitsky 2, Brovarsky 1. — 3 players.

VVS MOSCOW. — Bobrov 3 (5), Krizhevsky 3. — 2 players.

KERILIA SOVETOV (Kuyibishev). — Khussainov 2, Osianin 1 (1), Fedorov 1. — 3 players.

CHERNOMORETZ ODESSA. — Porkuyan 2, Leshchuk 1, Lesenko 1. — 3 players.

TORPEDO (Koutaesy). — Urushadze 2 (—), Koutivadze 1. — 2 players.

ROUBIN (Kazan). — Kolotov 2 (2). — 1 players.

RUSSIA CHAMPIONSHIP

Top scorers in the league in the past 20 years. — 1958: Iliyn (Spartak) 19. 1959: Kaloev (Tbilisi) 16. 1960: Kaloev 20. 1961: Goussarov (Torpedo) 22. 1962: Monkarov (Nefchi Baku), Sevidov (Spartak), Kazakov (Sverdlovsk), Mouskin (Minsk) 16. 1963 Boubayev (Rostov 27. 1964: Fedorov (TSKA) 16. 1965: Koubayev 17. 1966: Djoudjasvilli (Tbilisis) 20. 1967: Moustikin (Minsk) 22. 1968: Abdourahimov (Tashkent), Kavashvili (Tbilisi) 22. 1969: Osianin (Dynamo Moscow), Pruskourin (Rostov), Kherkadze (Torpedo K.) 16. 1970: Nodia (Tbilisi) 17. 1971: Malofeyev (Minsk) 16. 1972: Blokhin (Kiev) 14. 1973: Blokhin 18. 1974: Blokhin 20. 1975: Blokhin 19. 1976 spring: Andreasian (Ararat) 8: autumn: Markhin (Zenit) 17. 1977: Blokhin 17.

NB: Record for goals in a season is held by Simonian (Spartak), who scored 34 in 1950. He totalled 144 in the league, second in the all-time scorers to Ponomarev (Torpedo), with 152.

OF MEN AND MICE

Of managers and referees . . . of men and mice . . . but which is which? That is the question! Before I get entangled in more literary knots, let me make it clear that when I deal with football, I would much rather write about players — after all it is them who kick the blessed thing, and whose feats (and feet) decide the fates of trophies, the happiness or sorrows of millions.

At least that's what most "naive" observers used to accept as the basis of the game, until this month's journalistic output told us otherwise. It seems that the manager is the most important factor in football, his personality, contribution, selection are paramount to that of anyone else.

Raising this debatable point-of-view into the realms of hysteria, we are told that Sunderland were willing to pay £250,000 compensation to Nottingham Forest in order to secure the services of Messrs. Clough and Taylor. Several commentators applauded this unique transfer bid, and Brian Clough himself (back at his loquacious best) was pleased to see that the managers' value has at last been recognised: "If I join a club, every player on their books would automatically be worth £20,000 more."

And: "Management is being good at your job — every part of it. I reckon I know more about profit and loss, cash flows, being solvent (or insolvent) and the financial structure of my club than the chairman of I.C.I. And I probably make a proportionately bigger profit for my club than him!"

Tommy Docherty, inevitably, also chimed-in with an overt application for the Sunderland job: "There are only two really good managers in the country — Clough and me!" he said modestly. "I would create excitement in Sunderland, because I have done that in every job during my career." (And of course he has had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus.)

Hats off to Clough for what he has achieved at Nottingham, and an indulgent smile in the direction of Docherty for all the great quotes he gave us during the years, but on this occasion, both talk arrant nonsense. Managers, however good, do not win matches. All they can do is motivate, work-out sensible tactical plans and coach players in a way which might make them marginally better than they would be under someone else's watchful eyes.

But the only reason clubs pay exorbitant transfer fees for players is because they know that part of the money, at least, can be recovered either from the sales of other players or by passing-on the same guy to another club.

This principle does not apply to managers! Who would want to "buy' a coach whose club has just got relegated, or was knocked-out of the Cup by a non-league club?

Managers, not unlike film directors, are only as good (or more correctly, considered to be as good) as their last result. If Nottingham Forest fail to clinch a major honour this season, the gilt on the Clough-Taylor partnership wont shine quite as brightly as before. If Docherty sells two more good players at Derby, and then buys two more nonentities, his charisma wont deceive the citizens of the Midland town.

"Deceive" is perhaps too strong a word, because both Clough and Docherty are very good at their job, but similarly, Ron Atkinson, Ron Saunders, Graham Taylor, Terry Venables and hosts of others are equally good — some maybe fractionally less efficient, some maybe even more so. (I am already regretting leaving out Bob Paisley and Lawrie McMenemy from the above list!)

It all depends on the resources at their disposal, on the understanding of the Board of Directors, the limited capabilities of the players. No transfer fee changed hands when Matt Busby joined Manchester United or Bill Shankly went to Liverpool. I like and admire Brian Clough. He is worth £250,000 — but only to Nottingham Forest!

And now on to referees, the part-timer fall-guys who are definitely not worth a quarter of a million tranfer fees. But they are worth given a hearing in the face of all the criticism heaped upon them recently. I can vouch for the last outburst, because I was present when John Bond, the Norwich manager (transfer value depends on the depth of the buyer's plight), opened up on the subject after the Chelsea-Norwich game, which ended in a 3-3 draw.

"We must have professional referees, these amateurs do not understand the pro-game, the pressures. They are not on the same wavelength as the players. They keep on cautioning people for trifling offences, they whistle too much. A few quiet words would often be better.

"We must all, the managers, the players, referees, get together and thrash out the problems. In the old days, people like Arthur Ellis knew how to control a game, he didn't need yellow and red cards."

Sincere words from a sensible chap, who means well, but at the same time, grossly unfair and one-sided. During the game itself, the Norwich No. 6 (Tony Powell) committed a deliberate, professional foul (how I hate this expression) on Tommy Langley in the second minute. He did the same ten minutes later on Swain, and was finally booked in the 30th

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minute when he kicked somebody from behind.

He argued with every decision given against him, raving and ranting at ref and linesmen alike. Kevin Bond, the manager's son, was cautioned for time-wasting, when he stood stock-still with ball in hand waiting for the final whistle instead of taking a throw-in.

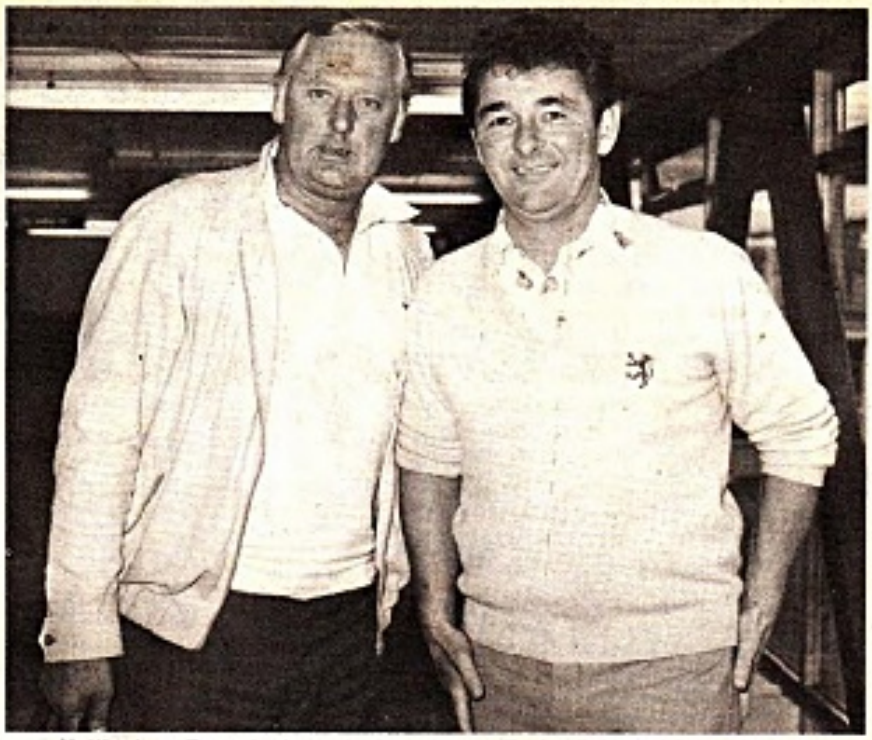
Did Bond censure Powell or applaud him for his fouls, his constant dissent, his thoroughly bad sportsmanship? The answer to this question is more important than get-togethers, professional referees or any other red-herring.

Obligation

The omnipotent managers have a duty and an obligation to the game itself. The players are actually performing for them, aiming to please "the boss" who'll select next week's team. If John Bond wants good, honest officials, he should be honest enough to tell Tony Powell (and the other 21 managers in the First Division also have their "Tony Powells") that pro-fouls are *out*, dissent is *forbidden*, his job is to play fairly and *keep his mouth shut* or he can kick his own heels in the reserves.

But does he tell him that, or does he accept the fact that the game nowadays is played by unscrupulous con-merchants, whose only consideration is to collect the win bonuses no matter at what price.

Arthur Ellis was an excellent ref, but he had it easy, he controlled sportsmen who observed a certain code of conduct. The present-day referee is supposed to be an athlete, a psychiatrist, a detective on the one hand, and a deaf-mute on the other, who is not able to say anything and can't hear the abuse directed at him.



Nottingham Forest's dynamic duo of Peter Taylor (left) and Brian Clough.

No, John, the ball is in your court, discipline your players first, then you will have earned the right to criticise referees. Incidentally, refs would have even more problems if FIFA were to accept the latest recommendation concerning the offside trap.

"Make it illegal," demands David Miller in the *Daily Express*. How? This is his preposterous solution: "The use of the offside trap is immoral, and the game cannot afford to ignore morality. The offside trap totally reverses the intention of the law, which is daft. Once more we are left with an obvious solution — stronger referees. It only needs referees to ignore the offside trap from time to time, legitimately applying the spirit of the law, to inhibit its devious uses."

Why preposterous? Because the law (or even the spirit of law) does *not* allow room for offences to go unpunished. An offside is an offside is an offside ... whether it happens accidentally or whether the defending team attack the half-way line without the ball, as Rinus Michels so charmingly put it when I talked to him about the same odious tactics.

If we demand from our referees extraordinary powers of instant judgement concerning *the intentions* of the defending team, the most we can ask for is *an indirect free-kick* for ungentlemanly conduct as a punishment for 'the offside trap'. But to suggest that referees should ignore the fact that a player was in an offside position when the ball was last played — especially from time to time (!) — is quite wrong.

I guess Miller thinks that if referees would deliberately "cheat" (that is what he is asking them to do), offside tactics would disappear, because they wouldn't pay dividends. There is a grain of truth in this, but to me, the remedy seems even worse than the sickness.

Finally, congratulations to Lou Macari for winning a European treble for England. After only one-and-a-half rounds of football, in his "Sun" column, Lou asserts that since there is "more to Europe than ball-control and conning the ref," English clubs will win all three tournaments. He should know, after all, Manchester United were unlucky to lose 4-0 in Porto last season. . . .

BRAZIL

by Claudio Kuck of 'O Globo'

AS everybody expected Flamengo won the "Guanabara Cup" and now lead the Carioca Championship. It was a happy but also a sad day for the huge crowd of "Mengo" supporters.

They lost 2-0 to Fluminense in the last match which was a terrible blow to their pride, because they have already prepared a big party to celebrate the title. Flamengo won the Cup because Fluminense would have had to win 5-0 to match them in goal difference.

But, even after losing the "Flamenguistas" went to their club to celebrate the title and forget the defeat. With that match Claudio Coutinho won the first title in his short career as a coach, a very different situation to the World Cup in Argentina, where his Brazilian side didn't lose but the Argentinians won the title.

Then, Coutinho said that he was the "moral" champion. Now, after the "Fla-Flu" match, Admildo Chirol, the new Fluminense coach, mocked: "I think Coutinho will agree with me, I am now the moral champion."

Flamengo won the Guanabara Cup because they were the only team with an organised scheme, a pattern of play, everybody working hard and with no problems off the pitch.

Fluminense started very poorly, improved later, but again had problems. The coach Paulo Emilio was replaced and Marinho, after some marvellous matches in midfield, again allowed his unbalanced temperament to overcome his playing ability.

Refused

He was not having a happy afternoon against Olaria, when the Fluminense supporters began to boo him. Marinho became so upset he left the pitch and refused to come back. The young players (Edinho, Pintinho, Cleber, Carlinhos and Tadeu) who now lead Fluminense, had a violent argument with Marinho and afterwards the directors decided to sell the blond left-back or midfield player. Price: 10 million cruzeiros — £250,000. Sao Paulo, Washington Diplomats and Anderlecht were interested, but at the time of writing no deal has materialised.

Botafogo were doing well until Zagalo left for Saudi Arabia, and new coach Danilo Alves had a lot of problems, the big one concerning Paulo Cesar. He asked for an extra bonus, bigger salary and after discussions with the chairman was dropped.

Paulo Cesar said: "I am fed up with Brazil, I want to go abroad, to Europe!" He dreams of going back to France where he played for Marseille. Paulo Cesar was put on the transfer list for 6 million cruzeiros (£150,000), but Gil, new Botafogo's captain and other players are pressing Danilo Alves to recall him.

Three newcomers were chosen by the Carioca press as best players in the Guanabara Cup: Mendonca, 22 years old, midfield, of Botafogo; Adilio, 22 years old, midfield, of Flamengo; Guina, 20 years old, midfield (sometimes plays as right winger), of Vasco da Gama.

The second part of the Rio de Janeiro championship has just started. Flamengo and Vasco lead with two victories each.

Violence in Sao Paulo is a worry

In Sao Paulo the Championship is still going on and the eight big teams all classified for a special tournament to decide the champion of the first section. Ponte Preta and Santos won Group A; Sao Paulo and Portuguesa de Desportos won group B; Guarani and Corinthians won group C; Palmeiras and Botafogo de Ribeirao Preto won group D. Atalibe (Juventus) is top scorer with 12 goals.

Everybody in Sao Paulo is worried about violence on and off the pitch, fights between players and among supporters. XV de Jau versus Santos was a real battle. Defender Marco Antonio, irritated by jokes from the Santos' substitutes bench, kicked the ball at them and was sent off.

When he was going he kicked one of them and was knocked out by the Santos doctor, who was also sent off. The same day supporters of Corinthians and XV de Piracicaba started fighting before the kick-off. Thirty had to go to hospital. After 43 minutes full-back Fernando (Piracicaba) kicked the right-winger Romeu (Corinthians) far from the ball, starting a battle with all 22 players punching and kicking each other for six minutes, while a supporter punched a linesman. Only Fernando was sent off.

Meanwhile in the south, a strange thing happened. Even though some rules were not clear, the Rio Grande do Sul Championship, containing two powerful teams in Gremio and Internacional — started. Because of that, Gremio were put in a ludicrous situation. At the end they had to lose to Juventude to make sure of a place in the final tournament. Otherwise they would have to play two other difficult matches against Caxias.

It was the result of the usual Brazilian concoction to assure that some teams can reach the finals, increasing attendances.

Gremio came out to be defeated but after 10 minutes young forward Victor scored: 1-0. Gremio's supporters booed him. The referee awarded a non-existent penalty against Gremio and their supporters applauded: 1-1. But after 33 minutes Ruberval scored for Gremio again: 2-1.

Then, after special instructions, Remi, the "Gremista" goalkeeper allowed Juventude to score three times: 2-4.

In the closing minutes, Gremio scored only to please their supporters. They succeeded(!) in losing 3-4 and went directly to the finals.

The comedy provoked strong reactions throughout the country and the press have called on the CBD to intervene in what it called, "the biggest scandal in Brazilian football for years". The chairman of Gremio recognised during a television interview that his team had instructions to lose, blaming the organisers of the Rio Grande do Sul Championship.

Even Brazil's next President, General Joao

Gil of Brazil.

Batista Figueiredo, wants to do something about Brazilian soccer and asked 12 journalists for help. He said that matches are not as good now as they used to be and that there is too much violence and no new skilful players.

The press are not too happy about this presidential intrusion. Some newspapers are saying: We already have a captain (Claudio Coutinho) as manager of the Brazilian team, we don't need a general as adviser.

Under 21

The CBD are doing something, however, that could be useful. Mario Travaglini (former Palmeiras and Vasco coach) after travelling the country, watching matches, talking to journalists, doctors, coaches and players, listed 150 names from which he will pick 22 for the Brazilian under-21 team.

They will play next January in a South American under-21 Championship in Montevideo. The two best South American sides will go on to the under-21 World Cup in Tokio next November.

This work will also help to form a team for the Olympic Games in Moscow.

Travaglini is very enthusiastic about the young players and said: "I think I have found the goalkeeper and the two full-backs for the 1982 World Cup in Spain, but our weakness remains on the wings. As usual we have plenty of excellent young midfield players and it will be a big problem to choose only three of them.

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Bianchi misses international recognition

ARGENTINA has always been one of the world's greatest producers of footballers, most of them with an export stamp — from Oris and Monti in the 1930s to Di Stefano and Sivori in the 1950s and Mario Kempes, Osvaldo Ardiles and Co today.

And such is the weight of Argentine talent which has found its way abroad that a host of players have never earned the international recognition their obvious talent deserved.

One such is Carlos Bianchi.

He was on holiday in Spain when his fellow countrymen were winning the World Cup, taking a rest from the rigorous treatment doled out week after week in the penalty boxes of the French league where Bianchi has achieved a legend of domestic proportions akin to that of Gerd Müller.

Everyone knows all about him, all about his record . . . yet he still gets the goals — 37 in the league last season, making him the third all-time top scorer in France and bringing as reward second place in the Golden Boot awards.

The presentations were made recently, appropriately enough for Bianchi, in Paris, which is now his footballing home since his transfer to Paris Saint-Germain 18 months ago. Outside France his name is hardly known, since he never played World Cup football for Argentina and has never featured in a club good enough to enter European competition.

Battle

But his record, surely, speaks for itself and speaks volumes for the strength in depth of Argentine soccer that Cesar Menotti could happily go into battle in Buenos Aires without this ungainly but explosively brave centre forward.

It was, in fact, in Buenos Aires that Bianchi was born on April 26, 1949, and it was in the Valez Sarsfield stadium which staged several World Cup first round clashes, that he made his name.

Always he's been a goalscorer. In the ten years since he first played in the Velez first team before moving to France he has six times been a nation's top scorer. He started slowly, but soon built up after nine goals in his debut season of 1968. The next year came 17, in 1970 he was top scorer in the metropolitan championship with 20 goals and over the full year and the metro and national championships topped out with 42 in 1971.

In 1972 he scored 27 goals, but by this time reports of his ability had reached Europe. He had only the chance to score six in the metropolitan in 1973 before he was swept away for £50,000 by Reims.

One one of Europe's outstanding clubs, Reims had become almost a national institution in France in the early 1950s, winning the championship three times in five years and twice going all the way to the final of the new Champions' Cup, losing 4-3 to Real Madrid in Paris in the first final, and 2-0 to Madrid in 1959 in Stuttgart.

Their greatest products were the creative Raymond Kopa and the voracious goalscorer Just Fontaine. But they failed to rejuvenate their ranks in the early 1960s. Kopa's best years were left behind during three years in Spain, Fontaine retired prematurely after a double leg break and in 1964 they were relegated. It took two years to return, but relegation was again the immediate fate.

Dreams

After that it wasn't until 1970, thanks to the expansion of the first division to 20 clubs from 18, that Reims were fortuitously dragged upwards again. This time they hung on, and it was their wild dreams of once again aiming for Europe that persuaded them to splash out on Bianchi.

The investment immediately paid off, with 30 goals which made him the league's top scorer in 1973-74, his first season.

Those goals brought him into the Golden Boot contest at the first attempt, for he finished third equal, though a long way behind Sporting Lisbon's Hector Yazalde, with 46. Bianchi started the next season with even greater panache and Reims were dreaming of the glory days. They even tried to revive a little of the atmosphere by inviting Johan Cruyff's Barcelona to play a friendly in the Parc des Princes. But it was a gesture with tragic consequences.

Bianchi's leg was broken by a ferocious tackle from Barcelona's veteran centre back Gallego. His season was over, before half-way. He had scored 15 goals in 16 matches and again led the field in France, but this time the awards were over for a year.

As for Reims, sixth the previous season under Bianchi's spell, they slipped back to 11th.

Everyone feared the worst. That his confidence would have disintegrated when he returned to duty, that the subconscious protective instinct would ease him away from the jungle of the penalty box and that Reims' most potent weapon would be, if not silenced, at least muted.

But no — quite the reverse. Bianchi returned as strong and determined as ever, and it was Reims who couldn't match up to his demands. In 1976 and 1977 he was top scorer in the league with 34 and then 28 goals. But Reims peaked to fifth then dropped to 11th. The problem was that the club, existing gratefully anyway thanks to sponsorship and local government grants, couldn't afford the players Bianchi needed if his goals were ever to take Reims anywhere.

And when his contract came to an end in the summer of 1977 Reims sadly had to tell Bianchi that because of a change of control in the municipality after elections, the subsidies to the club were being cut and they could afford him no more.

There were no lack of suitors, of course. But the race was always going to be won by couturier Daniel Hechter, who was determined to buy the best for Paris Saint-Germain, of whom he was president.

Bianchi wasn't his only major capture of the summer. Hechter moved in quickly to take on Jean-Michel Larque as player-coach after the neat little midfielder had a bust-up with his former Saint-Etienne boss, Robert Herbin.

Emerged

Bianchi . . . Larque . . . and later Atletico Madrid's Argentine defender Ramon Heredia. It seemed PSG had a bottomless purse. Certainly they drew some good crowds for their home games in the Parc, but midway through the season it emerged that this wasn't the only reason.

An FA inquiry discovered that someone at PSG had been running a secret fund racket by organising double ticket sales. Receipts from sale of one set of tickets were registered with the league and tax authorities. The others were sold by players and officials privately and the money all went into a special account which was used to make up the extra-high signing-on fees and bonuses received by Bianchi and the club's other stars.

There was never at any time any suggestion that Bianchi was involved in the fiddle. All he knew was that PSG paid him on the dot and it didn't cross his mind to ask where a part of that money was coming from. As far as he was concerned it was all part of his legitimate

Player Portrait by Keir Radnedge

agreement with the club.

Hechter, however, and several club officials were suspended from soccer *sine die* even though the president of this ambitious but always distracted club has fought hard to clear his name.

When news of the suspensions broke the players, instead of being dispirited, went out and beat Marseille 5-1 as a form of protest. It could have been six, but Bianchi — usually so sure from the spot — missed a penalty.

That bubble soon burst. Saint-Germain finished 11th in the league despite 37 goals from Bianchi which took him to second place in the Golden Boot contest. But though he goes on, like a goal machine, PSG are — as I write — now 12th and the atmosphere hasn't been helped by a string of injuries and Larque's indecision.

Halfway through last season he decided to retire as player to concentrate on coaching. Now he has given over the team selection job to Pierre Alonzo and returned to midfield. Initial results have hardly been encouraging.

But at least Bianchi can see what his transfer did for Reims. Despite manager Pierre Flamion's claim that "we'll be a better *team* without Bianchi," the Champagne club were 15th last season and are now bottom and booked for the drop.

Truth

Bianchi's chances of earning international fame are now receding sharply. PSG probably won't be in Europe next season and he's not all that far off 30, the moment of truth for every player when he becomes aware that retirement is just down the hill.

Bianchi's ambition "to help Argentina beat England because of the way they stole the World Cup from us in 1966" — is beyond fulfilment, even if he still fancies his chances of landing the Golden Boot at last.

"I'm proud of my scoring achievements," he said recently, on receiving his runners-up award. "Twice I've been so close to being No 1 and in 1976, in particular, I thought I was there, but three weeks from the end of the season that little Cypriot (Sotiris Kaiafas of Omonia Nicosia) emerged from the shadows somehow.

"That really upset me. Much worse than last season when Krankl caught me. At least he's the sort of player who *deserved* to win the award."

What's your secret, or is it luck?

"Opportunism yes, but luck, no. You can be lucky once or twice. But not for 10 years. Opportunism is all about positioning. That's the sense which gives me the ability to go to a spot knowing that the ball will find me. If you're in the right place, then half the job is done already."

How do you see your job?

"I'm a goal-scorer. That's what they pay me for. I have to get the ball in the net once or twice a game, no matter what the circumstances."

You're accused sometimes of being too much of an individualist, that at Reims everyone had to play for you . . .

"No, that's not true. The boys knew my style well and they always knew how to find me when it mattered, that's all. When I came to Paris I hardly saw the ball at all in my first games. The other players didn't know me and

'You can be lucky once or twice — but not for 10 years...'

I didn't know them. Either I made my break too soon or too late. Either the ball went behind me and too far in front."

Did you find it difficult training under Larque?

"Yes, that's true, too. When you change a club you also change your method of working. Here it was very tough at first. I wasn't used to working so much. So I took some time to adapt."

Do you consider yourself a lazy player?

"On a football pitch everyone has a different job. Each one has to fulfil his role to the best of his ability. Any club expects its centre forward to score 20 to 25 goals a season. If he scores only 10, then no one's happy. So I concentrate on doing that because I couldn't be happier than when I'm scoring, and anyway it's recompense for work in training.

Strength

"But when I was at Reims I did much more running around. At Paris, however, if ever I started moving back looking for the ball they all shout: 'What are you doing. Go on — get back up there.' They don't want to see me in midfield. They think I'm at my most useful in attack.

"I suppose they're right. To score you need to maintain your strength, your stamina, your enthusiasm. It wouldn't do to use it all up in midfield . . . even if that means I take no part in the build-up."

How do you rate Paris Saint-Germain?

"The team are still young and not at our best. Last season we threw away some stupid points at home. We didn't have the right sort of confidence, so even when we appeared to get on top of a game we could suddenly crack up. Instead of going all out for more goals we'd try and sit on a result and it didn't pay off. That just upset us the more."

Do you ever have any doubts about your transfer?

"No, you see there is no player in the world more confident than me. So because of that it always remains a surprise to me if we don't win, and I expect everyone else to think like that. I suppose the crowd don't always help. The crowd at the Parc isn't like a crowd of

Carlos Bianchi

supporters. We never really get the feeling of playing at home.

"But during my career I've had a lot of worse experiences. The general atmosphere here is good and it'll all work out, in time."

This then, is Carlos Bianchi. A born centre forward, adept at scoring goals with his head, and with both feet as well as — once or twice — with his hand while the referee was looking elsewhere. He's strong and brave; not a player of finesse or charm, but very effective — as his record proves.

So why wasn't he in consideration for the World Cup, along with those other Argentines whose careers we've followed in the last few months in these columns — Fillol, Kempes, Passarella, Tarantini?

Menotti did fly to France and watch Bianchi, last February. But when he left for home he hadn't made up his mind whether to ask for his release or not. Bianchi was, I understand, disappointed that Menotti hadn't taken into account his record which reached 144 goals in 162 matches in France by the end of the season and decided to make himself unavailable.

As he said: "I'm happy enough in France, I've no reason to rush about any more like a youngster trying to make his way in the game."

Also, Carlos Bianchi is player with pride — and with good reason.

SWITZERLAND
by Arthur Rotmil

National team defeated by Holland but earns praise

THE SWISS national side opened its European Championship campaign with a 1-3 home defeat against Holland. But though the result was disappointing the performance of the reshaped team earned unanimous praise. It was the best display since manager Roger Vonlanthen took over early in 1977.

Rarely can a beaten team have received so much acclaim from the fans and the mass media alike. For the Swiss gave a courageous fighting display, were technically the equal of their famous visitors and only failed in front of goal. A great chance to go into a 2-1 lead was squandered by Elsener's misplaced header and two other opportunities also went begging. Then the Dutch came back strongly — their first couple of goals were scored by defenders (Wildschut and Brandts) and the last, in the very last minute of the match, by their redoubtable striker Ruud Geels.

In-between the best move of the match produced a goal for Switzerland through Markus Tanner — the only new cap! But their best man was defender Jakob Brechbühl, who completely neutralised the great Rensenbrink. The Dutch (without several key players) deserved to win, but only just and certainly the score line is too severe on the Helvetians.

So once again the old, old story of missing chances had thwarted the gallant Swiss. But even more worrying is their inability to have a crack at goal from a distance, from outside the penalty area. One can only look nostalgically back at some past results between these countries, who have now each won 13 and lost 13 matches against one another with two drawn.

But those were the days when Swiss forwards were scoring hat-tricks against the Dutch: back in 1922, Xam Abegglen got one in a 5-0 victory in Bern; Fatton in a 7-5 goal spree in Basel: (1950); Trello Abegglen in a 6-3 triumph in 1930 in Zurich and . . . Roger Vonlanthen, the current national chief, in 1954 in a 3-1 win also in Zurich!

Vonlanthen expressed satisfaction with the performance of his team against Holland, saying: "Our future lies with this side — it is the best we have. I will continue to build on this team with perhaps just one or two modifications in defence. We did not expect to beat Holland, but maybe we can take points off Poland and East Germany and certainly off Iceland."

History

Vonlanthen is not to be envied, for I doubt if there is any other footballing country which creates its own problems in such a diabolical way as Switzerland. Now, more than at any time in its soccer history, Swiss football is riddled with parochial attitudes and prejudices. A deliberate campaign is being staged to drive a wedge between the German-Swiss and the French-speaking Romands.

Each ethnic section accuses the other in the media of trying to "sabotage" Swiss football. Each group claims to have the better philosophy of how the game should be played. The German-Swiss lean heavily toward their racial cousins and prefer man-for-man marking and physical commitment, because they look up to the German Bundesliga as the best in the world.

The Latin-Swiss (French and Italian speaking), swear by their neighbours and put flair and improvisation at the top of their priorities. Little wonder then that no matter who the national team manager selects, he is bound to displease some people in either one or other linguistic part of the country.

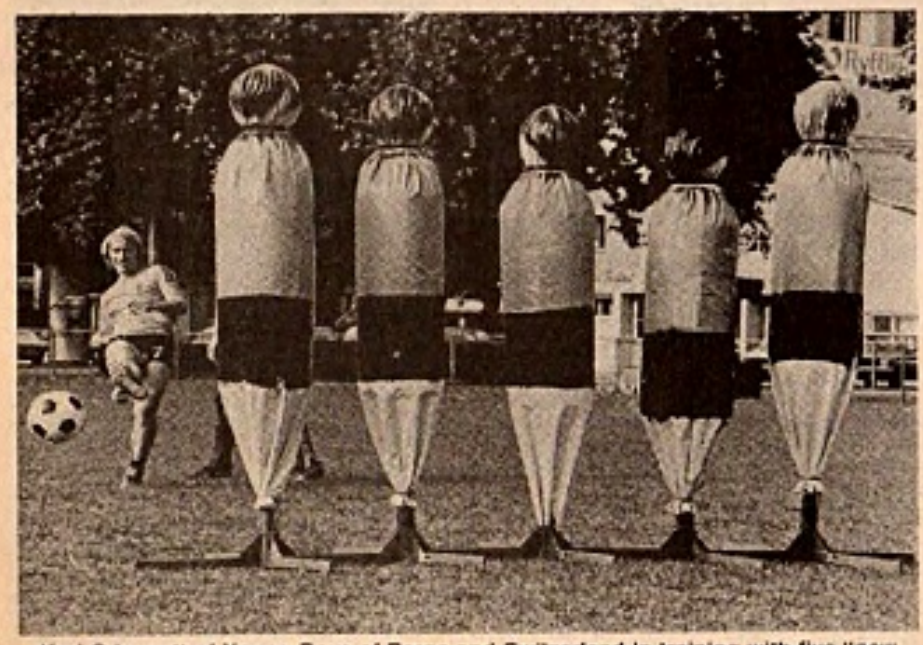
The championship leaders were Servette of Geneva, rated by most experts as the most accomplished team on the country, and first favourities for the title. Servette who were last champions of Switzerland 16 years ago, are determined to break the German stranglehold on the League title — it is 13 years since Lausanne were the last "Latin" holders. Since then only teams from the German part of the country were champions.

Problems

Servette boast several good players like Bizzini, Trinchero and Guyot in defence, Barberis, Schnyder and Andrey in midfield, Pfister and the Dutchman Hamberg in attack. Some experts claim that Hamberg is better than Chivers, the former England forward who spent two years there, before returning home and joining Norwich City.

The title holders Grasshoppers have not found their form of last season and have also been hampered by internal problems. The disagreement between the international forward Raimondo Ponte and the German manager Helmuth Johannsen has escalated and affected the whole team. Clearly something will have to be done soon, for the club cannot afford to lose any more players of such calibre. The star striker Elsener, it will be remembered, departed in the summer for Eintracht Frankfurt, after a series of rows with the tough Johannsen.

But on the international front Grasshoppers grabbed glory by eliminating the prestigious Real Madrid in the European Cup (1-3, 2-0) thanks to the away goal counting double. This is probably the greatest exploit by any Swiss team in European tournaments. And cup winners Servette triumphed over French holders Nancy (2-1, 2-2) to give Switzerland two teams in the quarter-finals!



Karl Odermatt of Young Boys of Berne and Switzerland in training with five "new team-mates!"

FRANCE

by Andre Duclos

RENEWED LIFE FROM SAINT ETIENNE

VIGOROUS consistency by Strasbourg, signs of life from the newly promoted Paris FC (galvanised perhaps by rumours that the old much loved Racing Club de Paris may make a comeback) signs of renewed life from Saint Etienne; these have been salient characteristics of our recent season.

Having lost first Larqué, to Paris Saint Germain, then Bathenay, Saint Etienne were clearly in need of new guidance in midfield. This seems now to have been given to them by the talented 26-year-old Jacques Santini. Once the centre-forward of the French junior international team, Santini never quite had the pace and the vitality to succeed up front, but now that he has dropped into the engine room, we are seeing the best of him. He exploits his polished technique and largely contents himself with lying behind the attack allowing the other two younger, midfielders, Larios and Ekie, to go forward for pot shots at goal. Roby Herbin, manager and former captain of Saint Etienne, has always been an admirer of Santini, who is clearly now repaying his confidence.

René Vignal is out of prison. If you feel the need to read this sentence again, then do so. It remains, alas, quite accurate. Vignal was the talented goalkeeper of Racing Club de Paris and of France during the 1950s, a good looking, dashing young man who was the hero of the Parisian crowd.

Alas, after he retired, and had to face the shock of anticlimax which awaits all great athletes, it was too much for him. He got into what they call bad company, was involved in a series of violent robberies, and eventually went to prison for nine long years. Now he has been released and is working in his brother-in-law's building business. He has already taken part before 3,000 spectators in a charity game, together with such other former stars as Hugues, Roy and Lagadec. The crowd cheered him generously, and he was touched by his reception.

He didn't, he said, expect such treatment, and it had an inspiring effect; till then, he'd had a guilty conscience. He expressed warm gratitude to the former Bastia keeper, Paul Orsatti, whose benefit game it was, and who was responsible for having invited him. Vignal hurled himself about with astonishing panache, though he is clearly some twenty-five pounds overweight. The courage with which he was always wont to throw himself at an opponent's feet is still, quite clearly, there. "I didn't think I still could," he admitted. Vignal is over fifty.

Managerial figure

Talking of Jean Michel Larqué, player again rather than manager of Paris Saint Germain, a moment's aberration, some molten words, had him sent off during the club's match against Lyon. Not even a superb display in midfield by another old Saint Etienne hand, Dominique Bathenay, stopped Lyon winning 4-2.

Back in France is a familiar managerial figure, Luis Carniglia, who has returned from the Argentine to run Bordeaux. He was once the Nice centre-half, later on managed Real Madrid and Roma. Carniglia was encouraged by a 2-2 draw away to the Champions, Monaco, when his team had to put in a number of reserves, amateurs among them.

A player in fine form who entertains no thoughts of playing again for France is 28-year-old Jodar, the little midfielder of Lyon. Six times capped for his country, he says he was hurt at first to be passed over, but now he takes it with philosophy. "I understand that one selector may like you while another may not." The Lyon supporters like him well enough, though he would like to see the team better supported. Despite its success this season, he complains, home crowds have been poor, a fact he blames partly on the nature of the stadium, "it isn't made for sport."

Nor is Jodar very pleased about the present position of pro footballers in France. They are working more and more, he says, training longer and longer hours, yet earning less and less. Thus to be a pro player is satisfactory in terms only of glory and the pleasure of playing in Division One. The old idea of putting as much money together in as little time as possible has, for Jodar, gone by the board.

His advice to youngsters coming into football is to prepare themselves better for the future than he has done, especially as he thinks the exams for becoming a professional club manager are getting harder and harder. Meanwhile, for all his apparent pessimism, he is playing a leading part in Lyon's bright season.

But these exams for managers are causing certain anomalies. Thus, when Paris Saint Germain announced, Larqué having voluntarily stepped down and resumed his football boots, that the new manager would be Pierre Alonzo, they had to admit that Alonzo didn't possess his managerial diploma. "We are not the only ones," they protested. "We are going to ask for a dispensation to the end of this season."

Nancy on their way to a 4-0 win over Frem Copenhagen in the European Cup.

It happened last season, too, when Paris S.G. appointed a manager called Ladislas Nagy. Georges Boulognes, senior French Federation coach and former manager of the international team, has spoken out very strongly against such practices. It is a breach of the rules, he says — who can deny him? — and above all, when a prominent club puts itself in such a position, it sets a bad example. If they wanted to, the FFF could put Paris S. G. out of the French Cup, but I don't suppose they will.

Johnny Rep, the Dutch international striker, still with Bastia, who made a poor beginning, says he still hopes to play for Holland in their match against West Germany in Frankfurt on December 20, though his commitments with the Corsican club have kept him out of the previous international games. Bastia's uncertain beginning he blames, logically enough, on various alterations which have been made to the team.

Another Bastia Dutchman who hopes to play in that game is the blond stopper Rijsbergen, who joined the Corsican club this season, after playing in the World Cup for his country. The powerful Rijsbergen has settled down well. Whatever you may say about the exiguous crowds Bastia draw, you must give them immense credit for the astounding way they manage to attract major foreign international stars to their island; the two Dutchmen follow the likes of Dragan Drajic and the keeper Pantelic.

Reserves contest classic encounter

WHILE the Argentine FA worries about continually declining gates and playing standards in the First Division, River Plate and Boca Juniors, who have won most of the titles between them, lined up reserve teams in their classic encounter which is usually the highlight of the season in front of, for the first time, somewhat less than a full house at River Plate's World Cup stadium.

It wasn't that the game was of no further importance to either of them — although River Plate had lost the chance of retaining the title, Boca Juniors were holding a precarious two-point lead (with an extra game) — but both clubs were resting their first team players for their Libertadores Cup semi-final clash two days later on the same field.

This has been the sad story of Argentina's First Division championship all season as both its most important clubs turned their back on the league to concentrate on the Libertadores Cup and more lucrative games against foreign teams. River Plate even went on a one-month tour of Europe which, apart from leaving their players tired, left so little profit — a huge party of accompanying officials made it expensive — that when the consequent loss of gate money and the title (while playing reserves) is taken into account, it is really a loss.

As it turned out, River Plate won the league classic 1-0 with coach Angel Labruan's young son, Omar, scoring with a well taken free kick to put his name on the list of River's classic scorers against Boca which is headed by his father, one of the club's most famous former forwards. Then reserve goalie Landaburu saved a penalty to keep the win intact — his fourth penalty save of the season in the First Division to rival the club's first team World Cup goalkeeper Fillol.

The win gave River Plate 11 points out of their last seven games played mostly with reserves — an excellent performance which would, under other circumstances see them fighting for the title, but they had already dropped too far down the table earlier, when also fielding reserves, to have a chance of retaining the title. At press time they trail leaders Boca Juniors by eight points with four games to play.

When two days later River Plate lost 2-0 to cup holders Boca Juniors in the Libertadores Cup, they fell between two stools. Their concentration on trying to win the trophy for the first time had been mostly responsible for their losing the league title and now they finished up with neither.

With three games to go, any further slips by Boca (still with their minds on the Cup) will let in Quilmes and Union (unbeaten in 10 games), two and three points behind respectively. Then come Newell's Old Boys and Argentinos Juniors six points from the top — the latter no more than an average team who owe their lofty position to brilliant midfielder Diego Maradona (Argentina's youngest international at 16, now 17) who not only organises play but is also joint league top scorer with Independiente's Outes on 20.

A further point behind, and like the teams above them, with a game in hand over Boca, are San Lorenzo who, since former River Plate international forward Adolfo Pedernera took over as coach, have only lost one of 17 games, but their spurt up the table started too late.

BRAZIL: ZAGALO LEAVES WITH RECORD CONTRACT

BOTAFOGO coach Mario Zagalo signed for Saudi Arabia's Jeda Helal (the club which had also signed Brazil's World Cup player Rivelino a month earlier) at a reported salary of 5,000 dollars a month and contract said to be worth 1,250,000 dollars — a record for one season. Helal were also paying Botafogo 75,000 dollars as indemnity for Zagalo breaking his contract with them.

Zagalo played on the left wing in Brazil's World Cup winning teams of 1958 and 1962 and coached the squad which won the World Cup for the third time in 1970 and was third in 1974. After coaching Kuwait before the last World Cup, he took over Botafogo (Rio), for whom he had played, at the beginning of the year, continuing with his predominantly conservative and defensive style, but although Botafogo have lost only one of their last 80 games played, they have failed to win a title because of their many draws.

Brazil's World Cup goalkeeper Leao, following problems with Palmeiras when he got himself sent off in the Brazilian national championship final earlier this year (see October's *World Soccer*), was transferred to Rio's Vasco da Gama for 250,000 dollars in spite of protests from the fans and even some of the club's players who felt that he was a disruptive element and also had technical faults.

While Santos — five years after Pele — seem to be getting back to the top — at press time they lost only their first game in the Sao Paulo League and top section A — Flamengo won the first round of the Carioca (Rio de Janeiro) League for the Guanabara Cup in an exciting finish.

The top four were due to meet in final games with Flamengo leading with 17 points, followed by Botafogo (16), Fluminense (15) and Vasco da Gama (14). Botafogo eliminated themselves when they drew once again (2-2) and Vasco on Saturday. This left Flamengo almost champions unless Fluminense gained a landslide victory on Sunday.

Fluminense only managed to score in the last five minutes through Fumanchu to win 2-0, but it wasn't enough as Flamengo took the title with a much superior goals record — 29-6 to 26-9.

The line ups in this Rio "classic" at the Maracana Stadium were:

Fluminense: Renato, Miranda, Tadeu, Edinho, Carlinhos, Pinninho, Rubens Cleber, Doval, Fumanchu, Nunes, Mario.

Flamengo: Raul, Toninho, Manguito, Nelson, Junior, Carpegiani, Adilio, Leandogo Cleber, Tita, Claudio Adao, Zico.

COLOMBIA: FIVE TEAMS IN FINAL ROUND

WITH one game to go in the closing "Finalización" championship of the Colombian major league, five teams have already qualified for the eight-team final round — Nacional and Deportivo Cali for having finished first and second in the opening championship and America, Millionarios and Cristal Caldas who can not be pushed out of the first two places in each section of the "Finalización".

This leaves one place for either Union Magdalena or last year's champions Atletico

Seventeen year old Diego Maradona (centre), Argentina's youngest ever international who is chiefly responsible for modest Argentinos Juniors high league position (4th), surrounded by Rosario Central defenders, but he gets past the goalkeeper to score.

SOUTH AMERICA
by Eric Weil

Junior who are fighting for second place in section B and two places for the clubs to have accumulated most points in both tournaments this season (and which have not already qualified). Nacional is the team with most points, but they are already sure of a place.

Junior, making a determined effort to defend their title in the final round, beat Tolima 7-2 in their next to last game, while Nacional's Argentine coach, Osvaldo Zubeldia, complained there was "funny business" going on to prevent his team from winning the "Finalización" (to add to their opening championship title) which would automatically qualify them for next year's Libertadores Cup.

This came following his team's 1-1 draw with bottom Bucaramanga in which three players from each side were sent off and which was apparently ended six minutes before time.

Vice-champions Deportivo Cali, also under an Argentine coach, Carlos Bilardo, have been taking it easy in the league while reaching the final of the Libertadores Cup for the first time and already being assured of a final round place. And while Colombian FA officials, press and fans have been blaming the recent upsurge in violence on Argentine coaches, another one — Pedro Dellachá — was signed by popular Bogotá club Millionarios who were in danger of staying out of the final round for once. Millionarios won four and drew the other two of their next six games, including a 3-2 win over section A leaders America to join them at the top of the table and qualify for the finals.

Champion top scorer for once is not an Argentine — Millionarios' home grown Jaime Moron with 15 goals, followed by Argentine Palavecino (Nacional) with 10.

URUGUAY: NACIONAL LUCKY TWICE

THE halfway stage of the Major League championship was reached with only the top six of each 10-team section qualifying to play in the second round and with powerful Nacional just making it in sixth place, while, not unnaturally, the four non-league provincial and four leading second division clubs taking part for the first time, being eliminated.

But Nacional soon made their presence felt, facing Uruguay's other big club and current first division champion Peñarol in the first final round game and beating them 2-1 in front of a capacity 70,000 gate at the Centenario stadium. Both teams finished a tough match with 10 men — Fernando Morena (P) and Ruben Gimenez (N) being sent off halfway through the first half. The scoring came in the second half when Nacional went ahead through Santos and Carrasco after five and 22 minutes and Peñarol's Maneiro replied after 36 minutes.

But controversy raged all over the country over a penalty for hands which referee Jose Martinez did not sanction against Nacional defender Machado — specially after a morning paper published photographic evidence of the infraction. The Uruguayan FA has provisionally taken Martinez off the referees list to avoid trouble and was studying the matter at press time.

Former River Plate star forward Angel Labruna, now coach of the Argentine club, gesticulating during a Press interview. Labruna is still the man who has scored most goals (16) in River Plate versus Boca Junior classics. In the latest clash his son, Omar, a River Plate reserve, put his name on the scorers' list, too, giving River Plate a 1-0 victory.

ELSEWHERE . . .

● IN PARAGUAY, Olimpia and Sol de America from group A and Libertad and champions Cerro Porteño from group B qualified for the semi-finals of round three of the first division by finishing in the top two places.

Nacional, with the lowest average points over the last three seasons, were relegated and replaced, for the first time, by Capitan Figari.

● IN PERU, champions Alianza Lima, who spurted up the table after getting through the first stage of the Libertadores Cup, forgot the league again, playing weakened teams, while participating in the Cup's semi-final stage.

They lost five in a row before it was decided to postpone further league games. At press time Alianza still only trail joint leaders Melgar and Juan Aurich — two modest provincial clubs — by five points with two games in hand. A point from the top are vice-champions Sporting Cristal (who, like Alianza, line up mostly internationals) and frequent champions Universitario who have just had a six-game winning streak snapped by Coronel Bolognesi, also joint third.

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Bob Latchford scores for England against Eire in the European Championship tie in Dublin which ended 1-1.

NO MORE 'HOME' TIES

by Paul Radford

THE decision to bring in goal difference to settle the British Home International Championship can do nothing but good to what is, after all, the world's longest-running international competition.

In the past no less than 20 of the 83 championships have been shared by teams tying on points, a farcical state of affairs which has robbed the tournament of that vital element — an outright champion.

There can be little doubt that these regular ties for the title have been one of the reasons for the comparative lack of interest shown in the championship in certain quarters.

Imagine the FA Cup or the European Cup being shared because the two teams in the final hold each other to a draw.

Without the prospect of a definite result interest would undoubtedly flag.

If the goal difference rule had been introduced back in 1883 when the home internationals got off the ground the statisticians would have been saved one headache at least.

The history of the competition is littered with so many two- and three-way ties (not to mention the one occasion in 1955-56 when all four home countries shared it) that the record books rarely try to sort it out.

Omission

As nature and World Soccer abhor a vacuum I'll attempt to rectify the omission.

With apologies to readers north of the border it probably doesn't come as a great shock that England has proved to be the most successful of the home countries.

Thirty-one outright wins with a further twenty shared titles is a record which speaks for itself.

Scotland, of course, is not a million miles behind with twenty-four outright titles and another seventeen shared.

Wales have only seven straightforward victories (and the last of those was back in 1936-37) and poor old Ireland has to go back to before World War One for its one and only outright win. Both countries have shared titles five times.

Looking back over the 20 tied championships it's remarkable to note that there has never been an occasion on which goal difference would have failed to produce an outright victor.

If the new system had always applied England would now be able to claim a devastating 45 titles, to Scotland's 28 with Wales having 8 and Ireland just 2.

Records

The overall records of all four national sides over the 83 years also sees England on top.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	249	152	51	46	640	271	355
Scotland	249	134	54	61	559	322	322
Wales	249	64	58	127	340	530	186
Ireland	249	45	43	161	275	691	133

So in 498 matches over the year no less than 1,814 goals have been scored at the rather high rate of 3.64 per match.

England's 13-2 victory over Ireland back in 1899 still stands as the highest score in the home internationals. The luckless Irish have, in fact, managed only six victories against England in all that time.

A number of them were around the 1920s when England went through its worst patch. After winning the championship in 1912-13 it was not until 1926-27 that the English even managed a share in the title.

It was in the 1890s that England gained a record three consecutive outright victories, a feat equalled only once — by Scotland between 1920 and 1923.

Attendances at the home internationals has dropped quite considerably from an average of over 60,000 ten years ago to between 40 and 50,000 now.

The introduction of goal difference may help but another measure which could be given consideration would be to spread the competition over two years.

If Scotland could ever be persuaded to travel to Ireland all the countries would then play each other home and away as in any normal league.

The extension of the tournament over two years would not only make the whole thing more competitive and perhaps more worth winning, it should add to the tension for the spectators.

Incidentally, this would have given England 27 wins, Scotland 13, Wales one and Ireland none at all since 1883-84.

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DERWALL IS DELIGHTED WITH HIS FIRST GAME

WEST GERMANY

by Arthur Rotmil

WEST GERMAN football, heavily criticised after the disappointing showing of its clubs in last season's European competitions and following the national side's laborious performances in the World Cup, is alive and well! Under the new national manager Jupp Derwall a team with eight men who played in Argentina won on the ground of the reigning European champions Czechoslovakia by 4-3.

The Germans led 4-1 by the 38th minute and were cousting home, when the fighting Czechs pulled back two goals to give the score-line an air of respectability. In the European Cup tournaments all six West German teams qualified for the second round, and all jointly reached the Third Round(!) — the best performance by any nation.

The friendly international in Prague aroused a lot of interest since the new boss decided not to make wholesale changes, but only propped up the side with new men where the established seniors had dropped out for various reasons. Thus for the badly hurt Berti Vogts it was Manfred Kaltz moving from the centre of the defence to right back. In the absence of Vogts, goalkeeper Sepp Maier was promoted to team captain. The new 'libero' was Gerd Zewe (28) from Fortuna Düsseldorf next to him Karl-Heinz Förster (20) from VfB Stuttgart, already capped once v. Brazil, who replaced Rolf Rüssman.

Replaced

In midfield Flohe, who has "retired" from the international scene, was replaced by club colleague Bernd Cullman (29) returning to the side after a two-year absence. Late in the game Hansi Müller made way for new cap Klaus Allofs (21, Fortuna Düsseldorf), who has become a prolific scorer and is regarded as the "discovery of the season."

The attack remained as in Argentina and the Germans fielded this team: Maier, Kaltz, Zewe, Förster, Dietz; Bonhof, Cullman, Müller (sub. 71 min. Worm; sub. 88 min. Allofs); Abramczik, Fischer, Rummenigge.

Abramczik headed the Germans in front after just eight minutes from a centre by Bonhof, who himself added number two only three minutes later with a fierce free kick. Hansi Müller then scored with another free kick and Bonhof hit home a penalty after a foul by Vojacek on Rummenigge. The Czechs scored twice through Stamnbachr, while Masny converted a penalty, rather generously awarded by Swiss referee Daina.

Red Star in Europe

1956-7: Champions' Cup
4-3 2-0 v Rapid Heerlen
3-1 1-2 v CDNA (qtr)
0-1 0-0 v Fiorentina (semi)

1957-58: Champions' Cup
5-0 9-1 v Stade Dudelange
2-2 2-1 v Norrkoeping
1-2 3-3 v Manchester Utd (qtr)

1959-60: Champions' Cup
1-1 0-3 v Wolves

1960-61: Champions' Cup
1-2 0-3 v Ujpest Dozsa

1961-62: Fairs' Cup
1-1 4-1 v Basel
4-0 1-0 v Hibernian
1-2 5-0 v Espanol (qtr)
0-2 1-4 v Barcelona (semi)

1962-63: Fairs' Cup
1-1 1-0 v Rapid Vienna
3-2 0-1 1-0 v Barcelona
0-3 2-0 v Roma (qtr)

1964-65: Champions' Cup
1-3 4-2 1-3 v Rangers

1965-66: Fairs' Cup
0-4 1-3 v Fiorentina

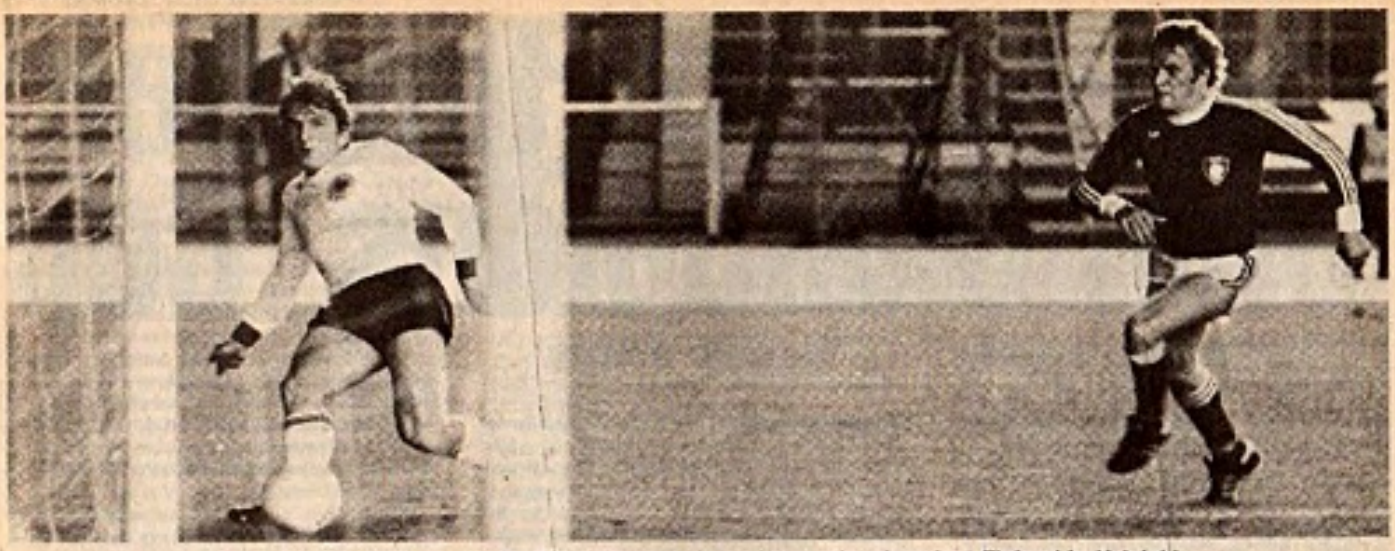
1966-67: Fairs' Cup
0-2 5-0 v Athletic Bilbao
0-1 1-2 v Valencia

1968-69: Champions' Cup
1-5 1-1 v Celtic

1969-70: Champions' Cup
6-0 4-2 v Linfield
1-2 3-2 v Vorwaerts (qtr)

1970-71: Champions' Cup
0-2 4-0 v Ujpest Dozsa
3-0 3-1 v UT Arad
2-3 4-0 v Carl Zeiss Jena (qtr)
4-1 0-3 v Panathinaikos (semi)

1971-72: Cup Winners' Cup
7-2 1-2 v Komlo Banyasi
2-1 1-1 v Sparta Rotterdam
1-2 1-1 v Dynamo Moscow (qt



Klaus Fischer (left) scores for West Germany in an international against Finland in Helsinki.

The revelation in the German team was Rainer Bonhof, who was unrecognisable from the jaded, listless player in the World Cup tournament. Now, with CF Valencia in Spain, Bonhof obviously refreshed, not only played well but scored twice and made the other goals.

The other Spanish "mercenary", Uli Stielike (Real Madrid) was called into the squad, but had to pull out through injury. It was significant that in the 16-strong party no fewer than 13 men were with the national squad in Argentina.

Derwall was naturally delighted with his winning debut and he said: "I am very pleased with this improved performance from the playing angle and as regards fighting spirit. I would, however, have wished for a less dramatic match. In this context it was better to win just narrowly, than by 4-1, which might have led to an outburst of euphoria. So we can all remain firmly on the ground of realities. The next matches will show whether this team is really as good as this display made apparent."

Derwall also praised the newcomers and was highly complimentary about the "comeback" of Bonhof and the brilliance of Rummenigge.

On the domestic scene the erratic form of FC Cologne has pushed them down the table and it will be a big surprise if they retain their title. Dieter Muller has failed to strike his usual form, the Belgian Roger Van Gool has become unpredictable, while the left wing berth is being disputed by several players of whom the 18-year-old Pierre Littbarski may be just too young to stand the pace of European Cup and League football.

Manager Hennes Weisweiler will probably use the talented forward in easier matches, until he gets used to the physical demands of the tough *Bundesliga* programme. Cologne welcomed back their international schemer Heinz Flohe who hadn't played since being injured in the World Cup tie v Italy. It is hoped that his steadying influence in midfield will contribute to more consistent performances from the whole team.

Borussia Mönchengladbach also have problems, for having lost five established players at the start of the season they also suffered a string of injuries to the men who were due to carry the side. The rejuvenated team was also inconsistent and clearly not favoured to win anything this season. But most encouraging is the form of the newcomers like Hans-Günther Bruns (23), who came from Wattenscheid, and Rudi Gores (21), who has 13 Youth caps and is expected to make the grade soon.

Bayern Munich moved up the table after some scintillating performances interspersed with unexpected setbacks. Manager Gayla Lorant has buried the hatchet with the allrounder Jupp Kapellmann, whose problems do not only revolve around football — he is also studying medicine!

Bayern's redoubtable 'keeper Sep Maier (34), who played his 90th international against Czechoslovakia, has also reached another milestone in the *Bundesliga*, with his 450th match for the Bavarians.

Bayern's problem is too many stars not hitting top form together. Gerd Müller is slowly fading and he may be playing out his last season. One of the world's most celebrated strikers (over 1,000 goals in all competitions and friendlies) cannot turn the clock back and now at 33 must find the demands of a tough programme too much for him.

The departure of Franz Beckenbauer has also left a void, not just in defence, but in the whole playing concept of the Munich team, for so long adjusted to looking for inspiration from the "Kaiser". But the Beckenbauer's and Müller's do not grow on trees and Bayern will find it hard to regain former glory with the present squad.

Hamburger SV were pleased to note that their volatile English star forward Kevin Keegan has "piped down" in the sensationalist British Press and is devoting himself more to football these days, than to providing material for gossip writers. Keegan is still playing very well, but for a man allegedly referred to by England's manager Ron Greenwood as "the best footballer in Europe," he is not scoring any goals — at least not for his club!

Last season (his first in Hamburg) Keegan scored just six goals in the 25 *Bundesliga* matches he played. This term he was still looking for his first goal — after 11 games . . .

Personally I think that Keegan is a very good player — no more. His "world class" rating is rather exaggerated, as are the claims of his commercial backers that he is the "Super-star" of the *Bundesliga*. Far more class have here men like Jürgen Grabowski, Paul Breitner or Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, probably the best forward in West Germany at the moment.

Certainly Grabowski is the chief motivator of Eintracht Frankfurt who are hung in form and were chasing the leaders Kaiserslautern. Eintracht bought well with the Austrian World Cup star Bruno Pezzey, one of the finest "liberos" in Europe. Less impact is making in Frankfurt the Swiss international striker Ruedi Elsener. But with old timer Holzenbein, Korbel and the newcomers Lorant and Borchers all playing well at the moment, Eintracht are the team to watch.

The *Bundesliga* pace makers 1. FC Kaiserslautern are reviving memories of their heydays in the 'fifties, when they were West Germany's best and most popular side, won the national championship twice (1951 and 1953) and supplied half the national team who became world champions in 1954.

Kaiserslautern are now showing the big and wealthy clubs what can be done even with a small budget and a modest outlay on players. New coach Karl-Heinz Feldkamp (44) has really done wonders to keep this side with just a few star names (Toppmoller and Bongartz) and a couple of Swedish World Cup players (Hellstroem and Wendt) at the top of the highly competitive National League.

I always laugh when I hear British players, managers, or reporters saying that "on the Continent the top clubs only play three or four hard matches a season, because there aren't many strong teams in their Leagues." What utter nonsense, especially with regard to German football.

The current strength of the *Bundesliga* can best be judged from the fact that although all six clubs qualified in the European Cup competitions for the third round, none of these teams occupied (at the time of writing) the first four places in the League table! Why, five of the "European" entrants were languishing in the lower half of the 18-team Division. Only VfB Stuttgart (5th) were respectably placed, while Borussia Mönchengladbach (10th), Fortuna Düsseldorf (11th), Cologne (12th), MSV Duisburg (15th) and Hertha Berlin (16th) were trailing!

1972-73: UEFA Cup
5-1 2-3 v Lausanne
3-1 1-0 v Valencia
0-2 1-3 v Tottenham

1973-74: Champions' Cup
2-1 1-3 v Stal Mielec
2-1 2-1 v Liverpool
0-2 0-0 v Atletico Madrid (qtr)

1974-75: Cup-winners' Cup
0-1 2-0 v PAOK Salonika
6-1 5-1 v Avenir Beggen
0-2 2-0 (pens) v Real Madrid (qtr)
1-2 2-2 v Ferencvaros (semi)

1975-76: UEFA Cup
3-1 1-1 v Un. Craiova
1-1 0-4 v Hamburg

1976-77: UEFA Cup
1-2 4-1 v Lok Plovdiv
1-2 1-0 v Austria Salzburg
0-2 3-1 v AEK Athens

1977-78: Champions' Cup
3-0 3-0 v Sligo Rovers
0-3 1-5 v Borussia Mg

UEFA Cup tougher than Champions Cup

by ERIC BATTY

WITH the first two rounds having the bulk of most of the poor sides, the teams left in the UEFA Cup provide an array of talent that looks far better to me than much of what is left in the last eight of the European Cup.

At the start of the European Cup I expected Juventus and PSV Eindhoven to make a bid for the trophy but time has apparently caught up on the Italians and injuries so plagued PSV that after drawing 0-0 away to Rangers they lost at home.

I cannot think that a full strength PSV would have conceded three goals at home, but the fact is that Rangers have beaten out two of Nottingham Forest's biggest rivals and in my book Brian Clough ought to send at least a 'thank you' note plus a crate of champagne to Ibrox.

Three ties stand-out: AC Milan v. Manchester City; Valencia v. West Brom and Red Star v. Arsenal.

The West Germans have done well to get three teams through to the last sixteen but Borussia Monchengladbach are nothing now and needed extra time to dispose of Benfica at home. Currently they are without Berti Vogts and Alan Simonsen, both injured, and their line-up looks very strange indeed these days.

In addition, MSV Duisberg and Hertha BSC are only good to middling sides but there is also Ajax, who are of course not the power they were and Dukla who must be playing well just now to top the Czech league and evict Everton in the last round.

Everton have many good players but I don't like the way they play, based as it is on Gordon Lee's philosophy that if you give nothing away you cannot lose. Yet having said that, and liking the Forest brand of football, they don't give much away either and they don't score many goals away from home.

AEK were nothing of course and any one of Valencia, Red Star or AC Milan would have asked Forest a lot more questions.

Red Star, like most of the good Yugoslav clubs, have lost a lot of players to Western clubs in the last two years. They include goalkeeper Ognjen Petrovic, midfielders Jovan Acimovic and Vladslav Bogicevic, two fine players of whom the last named is now in the USA with the Cosmos.

They have also lost the goalscoring Stanislav Karasi who helped oust Liverpool to the surprise of all not long ago, winning at Anfield of all places, and Dragoslav Stepanovic who was a fine all rounder. On top of that, Dragan Dzajic, Yugoslavia's record international with 80 caps quit last summer at 32, and he was another fine player.

Red Star's backbone now is provided by international goalkeeper Aleksander Stojanovic, defenders Zoran Jelikic and Slavoljub Muslin and four talented young attacking players. Vladimir Petrovic was hailed as a star too soon, getting into the team as a teenager and being capped almost at once but now at 24 he should have settled down and if he fulfils his promise he'll be another Dzajic. But how they fare against Arsenal will depend on their trio of young goalgetters, Savic, Sestic and Susic.

Red Star's boss, Branko Stankovic also has a claim to fame. An experienced international left back, I remember him at Wembley getting so frustrated with Stanley Matthews that he pulled him down from behind with a rugby tackle — though that was far better than kicking him!

The Yugoslavs did very well indeed in the second round against BFC Dynamo Berlin who won their first 9 East German league games and beat Red Star 5-2 at home. On top of that, in the second leg Red Star were 0-1 down on the night but came back to win 4-1 and at 6-6 qualified on the away goals rule. Valencia rely rather too much on Mario Kempes and Rainer Bonhof but are still a side that could be a handful though they are not doing so well in the Spanish league so far but I imagine West Brom will know they have had two tough games before the outcome is known.

AC Milan are far from being the power they were when they beat Ajax 4-1 in a fine European Cup Final that demonstrated how the Italian style can pay off with good forwards, but they began this season well, top of the table when they went down 0-1 away to Juventus.

Milan have a basically experienced side with Enrico Albertosi still going strong in goal at 39. Giogio Morini is the veteran at the back with former Juventus international Fabio Capello at 32 providing the brains in midfield.

Gianni Rivera is still playing too at 35, and if they have a problem it lies in the fact that they did not have a regular goalgetter. Albertino Bigon hit a hat-trick recently against Fiorentina but mostly the goals come from Adriano Novellino with the others chipping in one now and again.

The quality in this round of the competition is so high and the teams so evenly matched that the only one I would put money on is Hertha, who should beat Denmark's Esbjerg BK, but the way I see it the other seven ties are wide open.

David Price (left) and Frank Stapleton (9) of Arsenal attack the Ipswich Town goal defended by custodian Paul Cooper and Les Tibbott. Arsenal won this encounter 4-1 and face Red Star in the Third Round of the UEFA Cup.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

"GOOD players can play anywhere, can't they?" said Gordon Lee, manager of Everton, after Colin Todd had switched from right-back to perform splendidly at centre-back for the Toffeemen against Queens Park Rangers. The question was meant to be rhetorical, but it wasn't very long ago that Danny Blanchflower, Northern Ireland's manager, was remarking to me, "I believe in specialists, I don't believe in all purpose players, because I don't believe all people are the same."

Two interesting, contrasting views; and a third was expressed from a significant source, only a few days after Lee's observation. Jock Stein, the new manager of Scotland, said that he wanted to move towards Total Football. In particular, he averred, the day of the orthodox big centre-forward had gone.

If you want a fourth aspect of the question, it could be provided by the performance I saw PSV of Eindhoven give so gracefully, at least in the first half, against Rangers at Ibrox in the first leg of the second round, European Cup. Here was Total Football in practice and motion, the most dangerous attempt PSV produced being provided by young Portvliet, the defender, gliding upfield to finish a movement with an effort which some Scots critics thought had crossed the line, before Alex Forsyth headed the ball away.

PSV fascinated me. I certainly did not agree with those reporters who believed that they had simply come to Ibrox to defend en masse, though with René Van de Kerkhof absent from the first, Van der Kuylen, their chief scorer, limping off after fourteen minutes and the other Van de Kerkhof twin, Willy, obliged to leave the field early in the second half after a painful foul by MacDonald, they might have been excused for doing so.

Instead, it seemed to me that they counter attacked superbly, finding space almost magically, their tall, lean, graceful players — they seem even to have developed a specific physical type — moving effortlessly into good positions, achieving with a few touches, a few passes, what Rangers had to labour to attain. This, though Erny Brandts, one of the revelations of the World Cup and now surely a European star, largely confined himself to dominating his own penalty area, nullifying Derek Johnstone in the air. He was properly and generously praised afterwards by the Rangers manager, John Greig. Brandts, as we know, is a formidable goal scorer as well as stopper.

He banged one in recently for Holland against Switzerland, in Berne, and in his debut in the World Cup, headed a goal in six minutes against Austria at Cordoba. In Buenos Aires, of course, he brought off the Bert Turneresque feat — for those who remember the 1946 Cup Final — of scoring for both sides, when Holland beat Italy 2-1.

Is there, then, such a thing as total versatility, as Gordon Lee implied? I tend to agree with Danny Blanchflower. As Enzo Bearzot of Italy remarks, Total Football is and remains *il vero traguardo*, the most beautiful football anyone can play, but even within that context, I doubt if absolute viability can be reached.

Merely take the case of Todd himself. There's no question that he is among the finest second stoppers — I deplore the word "sweeper" when used about a player who isn't operating behind his defence — while he can also turn in a fine game at right-back; even if his positional sense, at international level, is occasionally suspect.

But can he play "anywhere"? I hardly think so. He is not, for example, naturally equipped to play stopper centre-half, lacking height and the desire to stay in the middle. He has been known to play in midfield but this, too, is scarcely his ideal position. When he does advance, it is best accomplished from deep positions when he beats people either through pace or a quick turn, exploiting the art of surprise. As a classical wing-half — there is surely no case to be made for him as an inside-forward — he seems to me to lack the powers of distribution which characterise, say, an Ardiles or a Ray Kennedy. Covering and tackling are his strengths, together with superb balance and an admirably cool head.

Speaking of natural born inside-forwards, the 21-year-old Bobby Russell of Rangers seems to me to be operating most impressively in the great tradition of such Scottish players, small, quick, clever, alert and determined. He was one of the few Rangers who could reasonably and positively be compared with the PSV men. Moreover, he has a strong right footed shot to go with his skills: a superbly struck drive from the edge of the box, late in the game, would have given Rangers victory but for a correspondingly fine save by PSV's reserve goalkeeper.

The Scottish tradition goes back a very long way indeed, and comprehends such virtuosi as Alex James, though he was so seldom capped for his country, Billy Steel, now to be found in California but once the pride of Morton, Derby and Dundee, Jimmy Logie, Arsenal's post-war inspiration, rewarded with but one cap, Jimmy Mason, the delightful Third Lanark player, and now such stars as Archie Gemmill and Asa Hartford. It is good to see that Scotland can still produce such genial artists of the game, especially at Ibrox, where the policies of power and speed have largely held sway for so long.

The irony of it is that, as John Greig points out, this is only Russell's second full season in League football. Rangers picked him up from a junior club, after he had been previously turned down by Sunderland. One more stone that the builder rejected.

Will the United States get the World Cup now in 1986? I confess I am totally in favour. They have the stadia, they have the facilities, their organising capacities put almost every other country in the world — certainly our antediluvian own — to shame, and I believe they would draw the crowds, as well.

The only major problem is that of playing surfaces. In almost all the huge indoor stadia, such as the Kingdome in Seattle, and at such open air arenas as the Giants Stadium, Astroturf is used. This is a horrible surface on which to play soccer; not a single member of the New York Cosmos team whom I have talked to expressed anything but detestation of it. It causes "burns", rules out sliding tackles, and can falsify the run and bounce of a ball. When it wears — and goodness knows it does — then matters get worse still.

Quite how the Americans would negotiate this obstacle, I do not know. After all, the stadia we are talking about are among the best and most modern in the country. Yankee Stadium has been impressively — and expensively — rebuilt, of course, but there is still the question of the sandy baseball in-field, as England and Italy discovered when they played there a couple of years ago.

By 1986, would America have a decent team, one capable of competing for the World Cup? One would hope so; one cannot be sure. The autobiography of the American-Jewish goalkeeper, Shepp Messing, recently published with great success in the States, has much to say on the subject of the "British Mafia" in American soccer keeping out the native talent. What talent? The truth is that there is pitifully little of it, and, in my opinion, things will remain so until the NASL persues a vigorous policy of bringing the game to the black "ghettoes."

Colombia's football federation has, we know, denied reports that it will give up the World Cup, but I am unconvinced. Government agencies have made a close study of the World Cup, discovering that the tourism expected by Argentina did not remotely manifest itself in the World Cup cities, and that is despite the fact that the home team did so well — where Colombia could have no such expectations. For a small, impoverished country like Colombia, it does seem rather an absurd undertaking. We shall see.

AUSTRIA/WAC RECOVER...

WITH just over a third of the season completed, Austria/WAC have recovered from their indifferent start to open a three point lead at the top of the Austrian championship.

In a useful 5-1 win over their eternal rivals Rapid, Tom Parits scored three times and Walter Schachner hit the other two. These two are the top scorers.

Goalscoring is fairly healthy generally with a total of 188 goals coming from the first 65 matches.

Austria/WAC also came through their European Cup tie with Lillestrom without trouble but SW Innsbruck failed in the second leg of their Cup Winners Cup tie with Ipswich and are still finding form difficult to gather in the championship.

Viv Anderson of Nottingham Forest — in line for an England place against Czechoslovakia.

Youth blooms in England

EVERYONE has their own ideas on whether the introduction of foreign players to the Football League is a good or bad thing, but rather than discuss what is a vexed problem directly I would rather take a more oblique approach and look at some of the ramifications we can expect (writes KEN GOLDMAN).

Firstly, there is the greatest problem for any "foreign" footballer whether he be from Europe or from South America and that is the style of play either opted for or forced upon us by the dictates of the Football League system together with the various cup competitions which make English football such a powerfully competitive arena.

In addition to styles of play, there are the language difficulties and the fact that work permits for non-Common Market residents must be renewed annually. What I wonder would be the position if a club signed a South American player for say £400,000 on a three-year contract and the Home Office refused to renew the work permit after the first year. Not quite so impossible or far fetched a position, as might be imagined if the P.F.A. have their way and are able to ban or restrict foreign players.

However, the most dangerous situation which could arise in my view is that the English national side might suffer in the same way that Italy and Spain did some years ago when they allowed a free import of foreign players. This would be a great pity, especially as we still have some wonderfully gifted youngsters coming through. I know Ron Greenwood is all in favour of imported stars, but they can keep out of the side promising teenagers.

This brings me to a current crop of young coloured players who are forcing their way into league sides, minor international teams and soon presumably into the full England side. Some of them are well known such as Viv Anderson of Nottingham Forest and Laurie Cunningham and Cyrille Regis of West Bromwich Albion, but there are others who are beginning to make a big name for themselves, including Vince Hilaire of Crystal Palace, John Chedozie and Bobby Fisher of Orient and Bob Hazell of Wolves.

Among the very newest are Manchester City's young goal-scorer Roger Palmer and two teenagers who arguably promise to be the hottest properties of all, namely Tunji Banjo and Henry Hughton of Orient. Since most of these lads seem to have a natural aptitude for ball control and an explosive ability to sprint, we could automatically find the Football League having its skill levels raised without looking to foreign shores.

Not only do the coloured boys promise much, but in South East London down at the Crystal Palace ground they are singing the praises of a new young side, rich in talent, skill and energy. Just recently manager Terry Venables has been playing four of the side that won the F.A. Youth Cup for the second successive time in May; with yet another of the youth team as substitute.

Ken Sansom, who has been brought into the England under 21 squad and who has all the right ingredients of a true full back, the ability to tackle strongly, position well and jump and head soundly is making his mark.

In addition, he is good on the ball coming forward and fast on the overlap. Would that we had a few more like him, John Gidman of Aston Villa and Derek Statham of West Bromwich and we might see a resurgence of a position that has for too long been treated as a stop-gap for the Jack of all trades player.

Watch out too for midfield man Gerry Murphy, one of those now playing in the Palace team and a goalkeeper, David Fry who may challenge for a first team place soon. And if you want a tip as to who will be a Palace star in the further future, remember the name of Shaun Brooks, captain of the England Schoolboy side last season and son of the former Spurs and England international Johnny Brooks.

The story can be duplicated in many clubs up and down the country and with this in mind, all the clubs must think very seriously about whether the grass is really greener in foreign fields, or whether we should let our own youth have the chance of an early bloom.

Red Star fined

NOTHING is going right for Red Star these days. Fresh from having been fined for incorrect behaviour in their UEFA Cup match with the Spanish club Gijon and receiving another fiscal punishment for fans throwing fireworks in the home leg with the same side, they have had three players suspended.

Peter Baralic, Zlatko, Krmpotic and Nikola Jovanovic were given a one match suspension for the UEFA Cup Third Round first leg against Arsenal.

But their troubles did not end there. In the League they were beaten 1-0 on their own ground by Sarajevo.

Quite recently Red Star beat Vojvodina 1-0 in a match of two yellow cards and a couple of red ones.

The new leaders are Dinamo Zagreb who beat Radnicki Nis 3-1 to keep above Buducnost 1-0 winners over Rijeka.

Defeats against Spain and Rumania in the European Championship have brought changes at technical director level of the national side. Drazen Jerkovic has taken over as trainer and his squad for the Balkan Cup game with Greece showed a number of alterations.

Of the squad of 18 named there were five new caps: Avramovic and Hristic from Rijeka, Vorotovic and Mirocevic from Buducnost and Bakota from Zagreb.

Out of the last squad are Borota, Muzinic, Surjak, Zungul, Trifunovic, Hadziabdic and Desnica.

Union trail

THE championship is developing into a three team race with Progres Niedercorn leading by a point from Union and Red Boys. Their nearest challengers are five points away.

Both Progres and Union had two clear goal wins over Avenir and Alliance respectively, while Red Boys took a point away to Jeunesse Esch.

AUSTRALIA

by Andrew Dettre

A MILD-MANNERED, intense German with receding blond hairline has come, seen and is anxious to conquer in an area acutely sensitive to Australian fans: the national team. The man is Rudi Gutendorf, 52, whose last big act with his last big club was the signing of Kevin Keegan for SV Hamburg in 1977. Gutendorf was appointed national coach of Australia at a reputed $40,000 a year shortly after the World Cup and took up his post in September.

His mission has been spelt out for him with typical Australian singlemindedness: get us to Spain in 1982. Having tasted the pleasures — and benefits — of a World Cup finals participation in 1974, the Australians are still annoyed over having missed out in 1978. Admittedly, Iran WAS the best team in the Asia-Oceania group; it's true that Australia's cutely nicknamed "Socceroos" lost all four preliminary matches to Kuwait and Iran. Yet the feeling lingers that with better organisation, better preparation and coaching, the tough Aussies could have made it just as they did in 1974.

And while even my best enemies cannot accuse me of chauvinism, I tend to agree. The type of "modern" football played nowadays is getting closer and closer to the Australian style, based on speed, stamina, determination, etc. During the World Cup I saw two of Sweden's matches — and I was flabbergasted. Watching some of the vastly over-rated Swedes commit the crudest of crude technical sins in the Velez Sarsfield stadium, I wondered how on earth they can enjoy the reputation of being a "middle class" European national team when their skill and ability on the ball is so patently inferior.

But it's unfair to single out the Swedes though, I must admit, they are my bête noires, their "functional" style never ever having appealed to me. Some of the Hungarian "stars" such as Kereki, Toth, Pinter, Martos, Fazekas and even Nyilasi would also struggle to hold down a place in a top Sydney team.

All in all, watching the World Cup gave me fresh hope for Australian soccer. We don't have a princely Bettega, a purring dynamo like Dirceu and others — but our best players don't suffer in comparison with the Swedes in sheer skill or with the Hungarians in power. That being so, Australia should and must aspire to reach Spain in 1982 notwithstanding the gushing petro-dollars the Saudis and others are pouring into the game.

My new-found optimism is based not only on Gutendorf's presence and the expected massive logistic-financial support by sponsoring companies but also on the undoubted success of Australia's two-year-old national Philips League, an old dream come true. To an increasing degree, the League is producing a standard of soccer quite unknown before and bringing to the surface hosts of talented, ambitious young players, many in the 19-22 age group. John Kosmina, from Adelaide, is living proof: voted as the best under-21 player last year, Kosmina is now with Arsenal of London while several other youngsters are also trying their luck with British clubs.

Of course, some cities and clubs have enjoyed better luck and better support than others but this is hardly surprising; soccer healthily rejects egalitarian principles. Adelaide City, West Adelaide and Sydney's Marconi and Eastern Suburbs have, on the whole, dominated the scene on the field though the Cup, for two years running, went to Brisbane City. One tiny wart on the trophy: through a largely arranged draw (based on crowd expectations), the Brisbaners have played ALL their cup ties at home — surely an eyebrow-raiser among our readers.

The desperate lunge and dive are too late: Adelaide City lost the 1978 Philips Cup Final 2-1 to Brisbane City.

German leads Socceroos . . .

In crowd appeal, the two Adelaide clubs, South Melbourne, Marconi and in 1978 newcomers Newcastle United (how original can you get with your names . . .) have stolen the limelight. Newcastle's average of more than 8,000 per game is excellent by Australian standards — and would make quite a few Austrian, Swiss, French and Hungarian clubs happy, too. On the other hand, some clubs have fared badly, averaging around the 2,000 mark and this puts constant strain on their managements even if through sponsorships or social club support they have managed to avoid the breadline.

In the first two years of the Philips League, quite a number of clubs decided to "go American" and import guest stars for short periods. Sydney's St. George had Charlie George in 1977 and Ray Clemence and Ralph Coates this year; Canberra City secured Peter Marinello, Newcastle had for one match Bobby Charlton while others had some lesser Yugoslavs and Greeks.

Seven of the 14 teams have had fulltime men in the telescoped position of manager-coach and, I'm sure, within a year or two all will have to adopt this policy. Most of them find their supremos locally but St. George has just signed for 1979 Joseph Gelic, former Hungarian international who played in that memorable World Cup match against Brazil in Liverpool back in 1966 and all that.

With the very definite boom Australian soccer now enjoys, corporations large and small begin to see positive advantages in sponsorships. For quite a number of years the tobacco company Rothmans as well as Coca-Cola and the Australian petrol trust Ampol have been part of the scene. Then, in 1977, came Philips Industries, the Eindhoven-based electronic giants, guaranteeing $500,000 for three years to the new national league. Through their soccer-minded Australian chairman, Herman Huyer (a keen PSV fan himself) Philips have also provided logistic and marketing support to the infant league. Now some others have hopped on the moving bandwaggon: Kentucky Fried, Rosso Antico, Alitalia, several insurance corporations and soon Dunlop also are to be heavily involved in the game, through the "adoption" of a club.

Coca-Cola's interest cuts deeper: the local plant has been busy spreading the soccer gospel mainly at junior level and in October brought to Australia a leading West German coach, Karl-Heinz Heddergott for courses. Indeed, Coca-Cola has given its tacit approval for Australia to stage the 1981 Coca-Cola/FIFA Youth World Cup, provided the others agree, something on which Coke's Australian executive Peter Bent is mildly hopeful.

Even in the long neglected field of venues and facilities there has been some sudden and welcome activities. Sydney's St. George club, tired of waiting for help from comatose councils, has built its own little stadium, ready in March or so and to be equipped eventually with the most modern technological marvels including giant TV screens for instant replays. Marconi, also of Sydney, have built a grandstand at their own ground in 1978 and hope to have it covered within two years. Now comes the news that the NSW government will build a vast, modern football stadium at a cost of $70 million — the first major sporting venue in this city since the 1930s.

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Napoli fire Di Mario . . . Aragones is back at Atletico

EVEN Italian football had never seen a sacking like it when Napoli fired Gianni Di Marzio as coach after only two games of the new season.

Poor Di Marzio got his cards after a 2-1 defeat by Fiorentina — despite the fact that Napoli had won their first match and had last season reached the cup final, which they won under Di Marzio the previous year.

Back, almost before Di Marzio had collected his thoughts, was the Brazilian Luis Vinicio who was a popular centre forward with Napoli in the late 1950s and manager for several seasons until moving to Lazio 18 months ago.

Vinicio has promised a return to zone defence and the offside trap while Di Marzio disappears into oblivion cursing the day he was ever allowed to get into the contract dispute which saw veteran skipper Antonio Juliano finally leave for Bologna to the disappointment of many fans.

Some 7,000 fans turned up to watch training the first day Vinicio was back and if he can only force some consistency out of the team Napoli could do very well this season.

Torino are in eclipse, Internazionale have yet to display the goal-scoring cohesion they demonstrated in the pre-season games, while champions Juventus look fragile indeed. They followed up their shock Champions' Cup defeat by Glasgow Rangers by losing 2-1 at home to surprise early leaders, Perugia.

If you don't count the Turin derbies, this was Juve's first home defeat for eight years, it ended a run of 29 games unbeaten, and Walter Speggiorin's long-range shot for the first goal put another question mark against the reflexes of Dino Zoff.

It's been a bad month for Zoff. He, Marco Tardelli, Francesco Morini and Pietro Fanna all had money and documents stolen from their clothes on the sleeper train during the journey south to play Catanzaro.

Then, when they got there, they drew 0-0 and Franco Causio missed a penalty.

Referees are in hot water already. On the first day of the season 33-year-old Adriano Lombardi, captain of newly-promoted Avellino, was banned from leading his team out to play Milan in San Siro because he didn't have his identity documents with him.

Referee Maurizio Mattei had the power to do this under league rules designed to prevent teams in trouble (in the lower divisions) fielding star guests. He claimed he had never met Lombardi before, but in fact a day or two later the sporting Press proved conclusively that not only had Mattei refereed games in which Lombardi had played, but he had at times been within a few feet of him.

And in cases where a player doesn't have his identity documents, a referee can let him play *if he recognises him*. Mattei obviously didn't, Lombardi's experience was badly missed and Milan won 1-0.

The other refereeing row was in Perugia's 1-0 win over Fiorentina. If it wasn't enough that the only goal was scored from a penalty by ex-Fiorentina forward Domenico Casarsa, both teams savagely took lumps out of each other. Two players were carried off with broken legs, Fiorentina's goalkeeper was hit on the head by a missile from the crowd, there were seven bookings and eight policemen were hurt trying to quell fighting in the crowd.

Poor referee Alberto Michelotti must have been looking forward to the peace and quiet of a European tie after all that. Instead he ended up at Highbury in the UEFA Cup and found himself sending off Liam Brady of Arsenal and Krsticevic and Muzinic of Hajduk Split!

The second manager to go was Roma's Gustavo Giagnoni. He was dismissed after a home defeat by Torino and it wasn't only his pride that was hurt — after the match he was struck by a missile thrown from the crowd.

His replacement is 59-year-old Ferruccio Valcareggi, who was boss of the Italian World Cup runners-up in 1970 yet who recently said he was retiring from coaching after a couple of years with Verona.

In fact Valcareggi will be responsible for team selection and tactics with the track suit work left to Roma's youth team manager, Giorgio Bravi.

IS THERE no end to Brazilian scheming?

After all the pressure to have the last World Cup switched from Argentina a new attempt is under way to commandeer the 1986 event, due to be held in Colombia.

Although Colombia insist that with some help and guidance they can cope adequately, both Brazil and the United States have indicated through the usual underground methods that they would be willing to take over if the Colombians can't manage it.

The Brazilians should be told once and for all that they staged the World Cup in 1950 and it won't be going back this side of the year 2000. As for the United States, they might be reminded that countries where football is the No.1 spectator sport consider themselves higher on the list of priority.

UEFA might do themselves and their referees a favour by clear instructions on what information they may communicate to the Press.

In most countries referees are advised not to speak to newspapers, TV or radio at all, but clearly this is not what the ru mean. The idea is merely to protect t referee from getting drawn into aft match controversies.

I've always found even the most su picious of referees prepared to clarify m ters on the names of players caution and surely there's no harm here.

However, French referee Robert Wu would not even do that when polit asked after the AEK-Nottingham Fore Champions' Cup whether he had book Kenny Burns.

Surely that's not classified informati . . . is it?

HARDLY had Atletico Madrid's ex-skipp and former coach Luis Aragones count the money from his testimonial Atletico's 3-2 home defeat by New Y Cosmos — than he was thrust back i league management.

The reason was the sudden dismissa Uruguayan boss Hector Nunez, who h joined from Rayo only this summer.

Nunez had a stand-up row with Brazili sweeper Luis Pereira at half-time duri the 2-2 draw with Real Sociedad in Mad Nunez had told Pereira he shouldn't mo into attack so often because he was le ing gaps at the back.

Pereira argued back, Nunez told t substitute to warm up, and the argume became so heated that the other playe had to rush in to stop Nunez and Pere coming to blows. The trouble was t chairman Vicente Calderon happened be in the dressing rooms at the time .

An emergency board meeting was c led, Nunez was sacked and Pereira fin £2,000 and suspended for four matche Luis was brought up from the backroo staff to take over the team and after a we or two's uncertainty it was announc that the veteran Hungarian, Ferenc Szu za, has been appointed to see out the se son.

Meanwhile neighbours Real Madrid t the table, winning a key game thanks to 87th-minute Aguilar penalty when th defeated previously-unbeaten Bilbao 2 in Chamartin.

Barcelona, after a slow start, show they are moving into their stride with a 4 win over Las Palmas — Hans Kra scored two goals — but Valencia stru gled to a 1-0 win over newly-promot

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Dino Zoff of Italy

Huelva, thanks to a goal from Dario Felman.

Manager Marcel Domingo says that if he could he would tell Mario Kempes and Rainer Bonhof to go away for a month's holiday.

"They've played so much football this year, how can they be expected to be at their best?" asked Domingo. But his position is precarious enough already, to rest either of his World Cup men would be the end!

SHAMROCK ROVERS' elimination from the Cup-winners' Cup by Banik Ostrava put an end to yet another comeback by John Osborne whom readers may remember as West Bromwich Albion's goalkeeper when they won the FA Cup in 1969.

What has Osborne to do with Shamrock? Easy — Shamrock manager is Johnny Giles who had Osborne on his staff when in charge at West Bromwich.

Osborne has been retired some 18 months, but Giles persuaded him to return to duty for Shamrock, only in Europe, because Alan O'Neill was seriously hurt in a pre-season game in Spain.

Osborne had to take holiday time off from his job with the *Sandwell Evening Mail* to play the games, but even that sacrifice couldn't blunt the spirits of one of British football's most renowned humourists.

My favourite Osborne story concerns a game he played for Walsall in the Third Division when on loan from Albion, after he decided to make one of the several comebacks which marked the last years of his career.

Midway through the game Walsall, who were hanging on to a narrow lead, were awarded a goal kick. Osborne appeared to be taking his time, placing the ball, cleaning his boots, measuring his run, so the referee impatiently gestured to him to hurry up.

Later, when the referee ran into the penalty box after Walsall had conceded a corner, Osborne said: "Honestly, ref — I wasn't wasting time, it's just that I'd forgotten how to take 'em."

While on humour in football I also liked the sharp reactions of Duncan McKenzie when questioned in depth and at length by a very earnest radio reporter.

"Finally, Duncan," said the Earnest Reporter, "has what you learned playing in Belgium with Anderlecht helped you a lot on your return to English soccer?"

"Not really," said McKenzie, "not many people in the First Division speak French!"

WHILE ONE Labruna era seems to be coming to an end at River Plate, another could just be beginning.

Angel Labruna's reign as team coach is virtually at an end now, after the 2-0 defeat by Boca Juniors which put River out of the Libertadores Cup when they seemed poised to go into the final to compete for the trophy they've never won and which has dominated their efforts this year.

River also finished just above halfway in the league, so the pressure will be on to gain a place through the National championship.

But they did have the satisfaction of a 1-0 win over Boca in the Metropolitan league duel between the old enemies. Only about 25,000 fans turned out because both clubs rested all their stars for the Libertadores meeting and put out reserve teams.

River's goal was scored by Omar Raul Labruna, son of Angel, and came 30 years after his father had also scored the winner in his first River-Boca derby . . .

Duncan McKenzie of Chelsea

Names in the news . . .

NAMES IN THE NEWS . . . HERBERT PROHASKA, Austria's midfield general, has been playing sweeper lately for FK Austria . . . GEORG KESSLER advised both his old club, SSW Innsbrück, as well as Ipswich, who beat his present club Twente, when Innsbrück and Ipswich met in the Cup-winners' Cup . . . GUY FRANCOIS has found a new lease of life since leaving PSV Eindhoven, and is taking a starring role with Belgium's Beringen . . . ROB RENSENBRINK says he'll retire in 1980-81 . . . JAN TOMASZEWSKI played one half for LKS Lodz and one half for Beerschot in a game to mark his transfer . . . EVARISTO DE MACEDO, star of Barcelona and Real Madrid in the early sixties, is new boss of Atletico Mineiro . . . ELIAS FIGUEROA, best Chilean defender of all time and three times South American player of the year, has launched a soccer school . . . ZDENEK NEHODA of Dukla scored his 100th league goal, against Kosice, to become at 26 the youngest member of the '100 club' . . . JIRI PESEK, a Czech, is to manage Finland's Olympic team . . . JEAN-MICHEL LARQUE, playing again, was sent off in Paris Saint-Germain's 2-4 defeat by Lyon . . . JAN JONGBLOED, Holland's World Cup Final 'keeper in 74 and 78, has recently kept Roda Kerkrade's goal intact through 450 minutes' football . . . TIBOR NYILASI threatened to quit football altogether after hearing of his international ban for being sent off in Hungary's World Cup defeat by Argentina . . . PAOLO ROSSI'S return to duty couldn't have been much more unpleasant — Lanerossi Vicenza were beaten 5-2 by last season's strugglers, Bologna . . . OTTO GLORIA (Monterrey) and HELMUT SENEKOWITSCH (UAG) are favourites to become Mexico's next manager . . . bad news for Sporting Lisbon, RUI JORDAO has suffered his second serious leg fracture in a year . . . PAOLO AMARAL is now safely home in Brazil after diplomatic pressure to get his passport returned by the Saudi Arabian authorities upset when he resigned his coaching post . . . LUIS CARRIEGA has banned his Sevilla players from taking girlie magazines on the team bus . . . MANOLO CLARES, ex-Castellon and Barcelona, is Rayo Vallecano's new centre forward . . . Sweden's BJORN NORDQVIST was playing his 115th international in the 3-1 defeat by Czechoslovakia . . . ARKOC OZCAN, former Hamburg goalkeeper, is set to be Turkey's new national team manager.

CLUB FOCUS
by Keir Radnedge

RED STAR—MO

WITH some clubs tradition is a matter of mere existence over a long period; with others it's having been in on the foundation of a league or federation; with still others it's being in the right place at the right time.

And it's the latter case in which we can class Red Star Belgrade.

Whether you know them as Crvena Zvzeda, Etoile Rouge, Stella Rossa, Roter Stern or Estrella Roja it all adds up to the same thing — the most famous football club to come out of Yugoslavia.

That being the case, you'd think the club had been around for years. That its pedigree stretched back to the early years of football in central Europe, like Levsky in Bulgaria or Slavia and Sparta in Czechoslovakia.

Not a bit of it.

Red Star Belgrade — since I'm writing in an English magazine and they are facing Arsenal in the UEFA Cup we'll use the English translation title — began only late in 1945 after the end of the Nazi occupation, and the club was founded by students. In fact it is still loosely affiliated to Belgrade university, though since some years ago the Yugoslavs have honestly admitted to professionalism.

The Red Star 'students' receive signing-on fees, salaries and bonuses much like players in Western European countries, and they can be transferred for cash too.

Despite their reputation and their regular appearances in Europe, Red Star have yet to win one of the cups — unlike Dynamo Zagreb, who beat Leeds 2-0 overall to take the Fairs Cup in 1967 — or even appear in a final albeit on the losing side, like Partizan in the Champions' Cup in 1966.

But the name is still revered. Perhaps in England it has a lot to do with the fact that it was against Red Star Belgrade that Manchester United's Busby Babes played their last game before their plane crashed at Munich.

It was spring of 1958. Red Star had reached the Champions' Cup semi-finals the previous season. But whereas United had been beaten at that stage by Real Madrid comparatively decisively, so the Yugoslavs had gone under only 1-0 on aggregate to the defensively complete Fiorentina.

Now Red Star and United were vying again for a place in the last four. The first leg was at Old Trafford and with the magical skills of schemer Dragoslav Sekularac running the game Red Star led 1-0 at half-time. The second half was a different story. Duncan Edwards swept Sekularac into oblivion and United took over. One goal for Eddie Colman, another for Bobby Charlton and it was thanks to the outstanding form of goalkeeper Vladimir Beara that Red Star went home only 1-2 down and confident of turning the tie upside down in Belgrade.

Their hopes were rudely interrupted after barely two minutes when Tommy Taylor laid on a goal for Dennis Viollet. Soon after the young Bobby Charlton snatched the ball off his great power-drive rival Bora Kostic in midfield and rapped a goal from 30 yards. Before half-time he repeated the feat. United went in 3-0 up, 5-1 ahead overall. But amazingly Red Star weren't beaten.

Two minutes after the break Sekularac pulled one back, then Kostic scored his seventh goal of the competition. In the closing minutes Kostic screamed a free kick up past Harry Gregg, but it was just too late . . .

Ten seasons in all have Red Star graced the Champions' Cup but never were their chances brighter than in 1970-71. They turned a 2-0 first leg deficit into a 4-0 second leg win against Hungary's Ujpest Dozsa, beat Rumania's UT Arad — first round conquerors of holders Feyenoord — then beat Carl Zeiss Jena 2-3, 4-0 in the quarter finals, though the price they paid was a high one. Losing 2-0 at one stage, goals from wingers Slobodan Jankovic and Dragan Dzajic pulled them back into the first leg before Vladislav Bogicevic pulled down Peter Ducke in the penalty box. Irish referee Carpenter awarded a penalty which was hotly disputed by Red Star, and Dzajic, never sent off in his career, spoiled his proud record for arguing too vehemently.

Harald Irmscher converted the penalty and though Red Star remained hopeful of redressing the balance before 90,000 — a record Yugoslav crowd for a European Cup-tie — in their own 'Maracana' stadium in Belgrade, they would have to do so without Dzajic, suspended not only for the return but also for the semi-finals — should they get there.

In the event the East Germans were more cowed by the absence of Peter Ducke, banned through a double booking, than by the Slavs. A Jankovic penalty after 15 minutes squared the aggregate, and more goals from Filipovic, Karasi and Ostojic wrapped it up.

Red Star were back in the last four!

Their opponents were the modest Panathinaikos of Athens, coached by Ferenc Puskas, whose players had been promised a £4,000 bonus for reaching the final.

"Even though I'm not playing and we've got Antonijevic suspended too the Greeks won't be any problem," said Dzajic beforehand. And it seemed he was right. Ostojic and Jankovic made it 2-0 by half-time and Ostojjic added a third after the restart. Kamaras moved upfield to head one back for the Greeks but this only spurred Red Star on, and Ostojic completed his hat-trick.

"We're just about there," said Red Star coach Miljan Miljanic after the game. The Greeks were the only ones who didn't agree . . .

After 60 seconds of the return Antoniadis pulled one goal back, and then a second in the 94th minute. It was nine minutes from time that Filakouris made it 3-0 and while the Yugoslavs grumbled about the refereeing and lost their cohesion Panathinaikos hung on to reach Wembley and the final.

So near and yet so far.

The facts are that though Red Star hold the records for championships (12) and cup wins (nine) at home, they've yet to assert that superiority at European level.

So on what does their reputation rest? The answer is found among the great individuals who have played for the club — though one of the most famous names associated with Red Star earned his fame not as a player but as a coach.

He, of course, is Miljan Miljanic. Born in Montenegro on May 4, 1930, Miljanic joined Red Star soon after the club's foundation in 1945 and stayed for 29 years, first as an inside forward or wing half then on the coaching staff.

So keen was the young Miljanic to learn that while still a player he found his own way across to Madrid to watch the 1957 Champions' Cup semi-final between Real and Manchester United and much later he would spend time with both United and Tottenham studying coaching methods. Though he played 400 games for Red Star, most of them were the reserves and after missing a vital penalty in one of his last senior games he moved onto the coaching staff.

In 1967, after a spell guiding the Yugoslav youth team he became first-team coach to Red Star, also taking on the task of national team manager in the autumn of 1973 to steer Yugoslavia the last few steps of the way onto West Germany where they reached the second round of the finals.

It was in that qualifying group, in which Yugoslavia beat Spain 1-0 in a play-off, that he made his reputation in Spain and after the World Cup he joined Real Madrid at £70,000-a-year. In his first season they won the league and cup double and the championship again in 1976. But Miljanic was never quite accepted in Madrid. His strict and tough training schedules, organised by Srecko

FIRST-TEAM SQUAD

	Age	Sgnd	Prev. club	Red Star Apps	Caps
Goal:					
Aleksandar Stojanovic	24	1976	Radnicki Krag.	124	12 u-23
Zivan Ljukovcan	34	1977	FK Novisad	20	—
Defence:					
Zlatko Krmpotic	20	1975	—	72	5 u-23
Milan Jovin	23	1978	FK Novisad	19	—
Slavoljub Muslin	24	1975	FK Rad Bel'de	205	3 u-23
Mihalj Keri	27	1968	—	263	13 u-23
Zoran Jelikic	25	1974	Macva-Sabac	215	7 sen 1 u-23
Nikola Jovanovic	26	1970	—	266	—
Midfield:					
Vladimir Petrovic	23	1969	—	302	17 sen 2 u-23
Cvijetin Blagojevic	23	1978	Sloboda Tuzla	21	—
Dusan Savic	24	1972	—	232	8 sen 2 u-23
Zdravko Borovnica	34	1976	Proleter Zren.	74	—
Dragan Miletovic	22	1978	Trepca	10	—
Attack:					
Milos Sestic	22	1973	—	165	13 u-23
Peter Barsic	27	1973	Borac	249	2 u-23
Dusko Lukic	22	1976	Jedinstvo	120	2 u-23
Nadeljko Milosavljevic	18	1978	—	17	1 u-23
Srbeljub Stamenkovic	22	1975	NK Sloboda	100	4 u-23

ST FAMOUS NAME IN YUGOSLAVIA

Radisic whom he brought with him from Red Star, upset a number of the players and was blamed by many fans for a prolonged injury crisis which hit Madrid in 1976-77.

After Madrid were beaten in their first game of last season at Salamanca, Miljanic was paid off and spent the next 12 months floating round the world before being called in to join FIFA's technical study committee in Argentina for the World Cup. As I write his immediate future seems to lie between a job with Chelsea and a recall as national team boss in place of Branko Lustica, who has resigned because of ill health.

If Miljanic should accept the national team job he would come back into conflict with Spain in the European championship and that would revive memories of an incident which many Madrid fans have never quite forgotten.

In the 1974-75 Cup-winners' Cup quarter finals Madrid were drawn against Miljanic's old club, Red Star. Madrid won 2-0 at home, but Miljanic didn't go with the team to Belgrade. Why not?

"Of course I wanted to go," said Miljanic as he sat in front of his television set watching the game. "But I had a number of things to occupy me here in Spain and the club said I should stay."

Was it a part of his contract that he should be spared any direct meeting with Red Star? Whatever the reason, Madrid lost 2-0 in Belgrade and then 6-5 on penalties. Miljanic was not popular!

But though he has his critics, Miljanic at least is a coach who has always believed that the way to win is to attack, and this was certainly his philosophy as he guided Red Star to one of their most memorable performances in Europe — beating Liverpool *at Anfield* in the 1973-74 Champions' Cup.

Defend

Red Star had won narrowly 2-1 in Belgrade, but after the match Miljanic defined his approach to the second leg: "We will not go to Liverpool to defend. That is not our way. Defence . . . attack-defence . . . attack. That is how we play. And that is how we will play in Liverpool."

John Toshack and Chris Lawler had shots cleared off the goal-line in the 26th and 46th minutes before Vojin Lazarevic put the Slavs ahead. Lawler equalised with seven minutes to go, but in the dying seconds Jankovic curled a free kick round the wall and past Ray Clemence for the winner.

Shades of Rainer Bonhof!

No wonder Red Star celebrated. This was the first time they had beaten an English club in Europe. Appropriate that it should be under Miljanic, such an admirer of English Football.

But of course most of the great names associated with Red Star have been players and the earliest star was another man who joined them in 1945, Rajko Mitic. Never booked let alone sent off in a career which spanned nearly 600 games for Red Star and brought 548 goals, Mitic was inside right when they took their first titles — the cup — in 1948, 1949 and 1950, and later moved back to right half before fading towards retirement in 1957.

Later he returned as manager between 1963 and 1966, taking Red Star to the cup and league double in 1964, and later still he became national team boss, guiding Yugoslavia to runners-up spot behind Italy in the European championship in 1968. The Slavs beat England 1-0 in the semi-final in Florence thanks to a goal from Red Star's Dzajic, and then lost 2-0 in the replayed final to Italy after a 1-1 draw in the first game in Rome.

Mitic was one of Yugoslavia's international stalwarts of the 1950s, and it was he who suffered the freak accident which the Yugoslavs claim spoiled their chances of scoring the shock result of the 1950 World Cup. When they came to play Brazil in the first round, the Slavs needed only a draw to go through to the final group. But as they ran down the tunnel to the pitch Mitic caught his head on a low girder and suffered a serious gash. He played with his head swathed in a bandage, but the Slavs were so put out by the incident they failed to produce anything like true form and lost 2-0.

Mitic was there too in the Yugoslav team who lost 2-0 to Hungary in the final of the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki and both he and Red Star left back Branislav Stankovic — now the first team coach — had been in the Slav team beaten 3-1 by Sweden in the 1948 final at Wembley.

Stankovic played 61 times for Yugoslavia before going the same way as Miljanic and Mitic and turning to coaching.

Of the 1952 Olympic team one other player was then with Red Star, and another was about to join them. Already with Red Star was 29-caps outside right Tihomir Ognjanovic and signing on after the Helsinki defeat was Vladimir Beara, one of the most famous European goalkeepers of the 1950s.

Beara, born in 1928, had made his international debut while with Hajduk Split, letting in four goals as a second half substitute in a 7-2 defeat by Austria. But later in the year he was brilliant at Highbury as the Slavs became the first continental team to avoid defeat in England and he played for FIFA against England in 1953 and in the 1954 and 1958 World Cups before ending his international career in a 4-2 home defeat by Hungary in Belgrade.

Beara, who had developed his supple agility as a ballet instructor, then went to play with Alemannia Aachen in West Germany before injury ended his playing career and he returned to Hajduk, as a coach.

Throughout the fifties Red Star supplied a base of players for whatever competition Yugoslavia entered. Mitic was captain of the team beaten 2-0 by eventual winners West Germany in the 1954 World Cup quarter finals, and Sekularac and half back Ljubisa Spajic were the Red Star men in the Slav team who completed a hat-trick of Olympic final defeats in 1956.

This time it was Russia who beat them, 1-0 in Melbourne.

'Sekki', a gipsy footballer born in 1939, won only 38 caps, mainly because his great skills and ingenuity were flawed by a quick temper. Often named at outside right — as in Melbourne — he always played back in midfield, as in the 1958 World Cup.

Four times Red Star have won the cup and league double, in 1959, 1964, 1968 and 1970. But which of their teams has been the best? For individuals, probably the 1959 team, but for balance the team which beat Liverpool in the 1973-74 Champions' Cup will take some beating.

In Ognjan Petrovic they had a goalkeeper who could both save and score from penalties and Petar Krivokuca was a brilliant full back until injury wrecked his career and he faded out in West Germany. The brooding talents of the skilled, rugged Vladislav Bogicevic need little recalling for those who watched him in the 1974 World Cup before his recent departure for New York Cosmos and in inside forwards Stanislav Karasi and Jovam Acimovic Red Star had ideal support for Lazarevic, Dzajic and the ex-captain of the Slav youth team, Vladimir Petrovic.

Once an outside left — who made a match-winning debut against Real Madrid in 1972 — Petrovic now plays between attack and midfield and, at 23, is Yugoslavia's most outstanding footballer.

Already Petrovic is past 300. But . . . with his talent it is hard to see how he won't, like all the other top Slavs, leave his country at 28 for a couple of years hard cash in France, Belgium or West Germany.

This constant need to rebuild when they should be consolidating has been the biggest stumbling block to Red Star's extending their domestic hegemony into European competition.

Again now they have some extremely promising youngsters, such as Borovnica, Savic, Sestic, Stamenkovic and the best of all, Cvijetin Blagojevic, who was signed from Sloboda Tuzla during the summer.

Blagojevic, a perceptive organiser of other players, scored the goal which beat Gijon in the second round first leg of Red Star's current UEFA Cup campaign. He's 23, so he has a minimum five years left with Red Star.

Can Stankovic, with all his experience as a player, of coaching AEK in Athens, of guiding Red Star for the past three years, take advantage of all this talent before next major exodus?

Of their determination there can be little doubt after the way they beat Dynamo East Berlin in the UEFA Cup first round. Red Star lost the first leg 5-2 and conceded another goal early in Belgrade. With half an hour to go they were 6-2 down on aggregate . . . yet fought back four times to square the overall score and go through on the away goals.

Perhaps the most dramatic dramatic European recovery of all . . .

HOW LONG MUST WE WAIT FOR SCOTLAND?

by ALEX GORDON

JOCK STEIN has been known to walk a tightrope or two in his many years of football. He has kept his balance better than most, but, after watching Scotland scrape a 3-2 victory over the amateurs of Norway, the new international manager won't be asking for any blindfolds in the future as he goes about his task of restoring the fallen image of his country.

Sadly, Scotland, urged on by 65,000 superb fans, were a huge disappointment in their first match at Hampden since the disastrous happenings in Argentina in the summer. They toiled throughout the match to build up rhthym and too often their moves ended with a hopeful high ball into the penalty area.

Certainly with players as dominating in the air as Gordon McQueen and Andy Gray around you expect to win more aerial duels than you lose, but, really, there was very little variation in Scotland's sometimes frantic attacks on the Norwegian rearguard.

There is no way that a Scottish team, nervous or not, could win any major soccer prize with such one-sided thinking. Norway were extremely unlucky not to get at least a point and, had fortune smiled upon them, they would have taken a 3-1 lead in the second-half if a shot from one of their attackers had been a shade lower. The effort crashed against the crossbar with Jim Stewart hopelessly beaten and every Scot in Hampden breathed a huge sigh of relief.

"We created chances," said Stein afterwards, "and that's the main thing." I must admit I always thought the main thing in this basically simple game was to put the ball in the net where it counts. You can create chances all day, but if you don't take them you can forget all about dreams of success.

Scotland stuttered throughout this 90 minutes of torment for their fans. Willie Donachie had as much chance of becoming a world class right-back as I have of becoming a millionaire.

Obviously it wasn't his fault that he was played out of position, but he never looked happy and with Frankie Gray showing up well at left-back it could be that the Manchester City player's international days are numbered.

It's a mystery to me why Rangers' Sandy Jardine wasn't included in Stein's squad. There can be no doubting the class of the player and he is, after all, a naturally right-sided player. Stein had cover at left-back with both Gray and Donachie in the pool, but there was no such luxury in the right-back berth in case Aberdeen's Stuart Kennedy was injured . . . and that, of course, is what happened.

Stein, quite rightly, has made no promises. He doesn't talk of a new era. He will need time to work with his players and get his own ideas across to them. The players, too, will have to settle down. Some were obviously trying too hard to impress their new boss against Norway and their natural games suffered.

The Scots, of course, got the worst possible start when Norway scored in the third minute and the defence's covering was nothing short of lamentable. I must admit I felt sorry for Jim Stewart, who was taking over from the much-maligned Alan Rough in goal.

It was the Norwegians' second corner. The first had been aimed at the near post and it was cleared for another flag kick. Possibly Stewart was thinking of the same tactic. This time, however, the ball was flighted to the far post and Stewart was caught in the middle of his goal.

The ball sailed over his upflung arm, Gordon McQueen didn't cover, Frankie Gray stayed on the goal-line and Einar Ass, an assistant auditor back in Norway, had time to say 'Thank you very much' before nodding the ball into the net from only two yards. Scotland have lost some silly goals in recent years, but that must be up there with the worst of them.

It was interesting to sit back and see what Scotland would do in this situation. Not unexpectedly they got their heads down and reared into the opposition, but, honestly, there was very little end product for so much effort. And that must be a worrying feature for Stein.

McQueen could have scored a hat-trick, that's true, but Gray, the man expected to get the bulk of the goals, had very few real attempts at goal. He got a free header at goal in the second-half from a cross by his namesake Frankie, but he got no power behind his effort and goalkeeper Tom Jacobson, a nervous, jittery figure at Hampden, saved easily, diving to his left.

Archie Gemmill was all over the pitch in his usual industrious fashion, but he has had better games for his country. Asa Hartford, too, was a disappointment. He tends to drift right out of games and that's just not good enough when you consider that he is in the team basically because he is a worker and a grafter like Gemmill.

Hartford had two good chances — one in each half — to score, but dithered on both occasions and the opportunities were lost. Graeme Souness didn't dictate things in his midfield role and he spent a lot of the night wandering around the pitch picking up scraps. Actually, with a bit of luck, he, too, might have got his name on the scoresheet. One magnificent volley in the first-half would have taken the goalposts out of the ground, but for a deflection by a brave, if foolhardy, Norwegian.

I have to admit that this Scottish side has fight in it, though. They are willing to go until they drop, but more poise should have been expected against Norway, who are hardly world giants.

Scotland will not even qualify for the later stages of the European Championship if they don't get things ticking over. Austria would seem to be the team to beat. Portugal and Belgium will be no pushovers either, of course, but the Austrians are making loud noises about actually winning the European Championship and NOT just the section.

They may have every reason to be confident because they know they played Scotland off the park for an hour when the countries met in Vienna. The Austrians adopted an old Scottish failing when they went three up. They became too confident, they relaxed and that is fatal. Once you lose a grip on a game it is difficult to get back into things.

Two headers from McQueen and Gray helped Scotland's goal difference and that may be vital at the end of the day, but I don't think there is much point in winning your way through to the Finals if you are only there to make up the numbers as Scotland were in Argentina. We know that to our cost only too well.

Incentive

The Scottish team that played against Norway didn't include one home-based Scot. That doesn't particularly bother me, but it should act as an incentive for the Premier League players. However, I believe some of our Anglos are vastly over-rated.

Martin Buchan, for instance, hardly starred against Austria. A fair percentage of his clearances, when there was very little real pressure on him, went into the crowd and that's not what we need from a player who, we are continually told, is cool and composed. The Manchester United man wasn't too impressive against Norway, either.

Let's take a look at the comedy of errors that brought about Norway's second goal. Svien Mathisen — a schoolteacher — chased a ball on the right wing with Frankie Gray caught A.W.O.L. McQueen moved out to meet him, but there was no urgency about his defensive ideas. He cantered at a leisurely pace as the

Gordon McQueen hits the post with this header for Scotland against Norway.

Norwegian summed up the situation in the danger area.

With McQueen dreaming of better things, Mathisen swung the ball past him to the near post. Buchan should have been covering tightly, but he wasn't. Stewart wasn't certain whether to stay on his line or go for the cross. Arnie Okland was quicker in action than his two professional counterparts and he sprinted forward, threw himself at the ball and neatly diverted it into the net with Stewart committing himself to the crossball.

Slack defensive play like that will always be punished. And it could have been punished a lot more severely if Norway had had more belief in themselves. A nice piece of penalty area trickery by Mathisen in the first-half got him past both Donachie and Buchan, but his final shot wasn't in keeping with the ability that carved open the opportunity and Stewart managed to spread himself and divert the ball away with his foot.

Having looked at the goals Scotland lost, I suppose it is only fair to spotlight the ones they scored. The first two from Kenny Dalglish came after crosses from the left. He was unmarked when the first came over after McQueen had created confusion in going for a Gemmill free kick. Kenny couldn't really miss as the 'keeper stayed on his line, and he was given another clear-cut opportunity when Gray nodded one into his path and he first-timed it into the net via the 'keeper's right hand.

There were only two minutes to go when the winner arrived. The Scots actually pieced the move together very well. The move started on the right hand side of the midfield, moved out to the left, then across the park before the ball was rolled in front of Arthur Graham and the Leeds United man was going at top speed when he was brought down. A penalty? Maybe. Maybe not. Anyway, Czech referee Christov Vojtech, who spoke no English which was obviously a great help, said 'Yes' — or the equivalent in Czech! — and Gemmill, thankfully, didn't do a 'Don Masson'.

Gemmill's last penalty on the international scene had come in the 3-2 victory over Holland in Mendoza when he placed an effort low to goalkeeper Jan Jongbloed's left hand. Tom Jacobsen may have remembered that for he took off for his left when Gemmill strode up to take the kick . . . and then plant it in the opposite corner.

So, a victory, but hardly an awe inspiring one. Ironically, Stein's last game at Hampden had been settled by a goal two minutes from time. That was when he had been manager of Celtic against Rangers in the League Cup Final and there were only 120 seconds of extra-time to go when Gordon Smith headed in the winner for the Ibrox men.

And going back to 1965 we look at Stein's last game in charge of his country at Hampden during his previous stint as international boss. It was against Italy in the World Cup and again the fans had to wait until almost the final whistle for the decisive goal when John Grieg raced upfield to hit the only goal of the game. There could be an awful lot of nail-biting games ahead for Scottish fans!

Global

A pattern must emerge soon if Scotland are to make a hit on global soccer. Stein is the first to realise this and he is working towards it. He may have to be ruthless with some players. I don't think there will be wholesale changes, but there are good players waiting in the wings for their chance.

The fans were baying for a substitute against Norway, but Stein stuck grimly to the formation who hardly baffled the Norwegians with their blinding soccer science. In the end, Scotland got the points and that is the main thing as far as the night's work is concerned, but it would have been good to see something worthwhile emerging from this game.

"Some things came off and other things didn't", said Stein. One thing is certain. Arthur Graham on the right wing is only a shadow of the player he is on the left touchline. I realise he had to play there against Norway to give the team balance, but I hope it won't be a venture that is repeated too often in the future.

If Scotland are looking for a right winger they could do a lot worse than Celtic's recent £120,000 buy from Kilmarnock, Davie Provan. The only way he is going to gain in experience is for him to be given his opportunity and I am certain that this confident youngster will be a great player in a couple of years' time.

St Mirren's Frank McGarvey, Billy Stark and Tony Fitzpatrick are three other young players who could do a good job for their country at various levels. Fitzpatrick looks like a natural successor to Gemmill. He is industrious, inventive and brave. And, unlike Gemmill, he can vary his game with the use of the long ball. He can carry the ball or he can play it through with breathtaking accuracy.

If Martin Buchan's form doesn't improve then Davie Narey, of Dundee United, or Willie Miller, of Aberdeen, could always be called in. And it was good to see Dundee United's Paul Hegarty getting some recognition. He was a substitute against Norway and I rate him the best header of a ball in Scotland. Not far behind, though, must be Celtic's Roddie MacDonald and Jock Stein must know all about his ability!

The goalkeeper's position is still a problem. Scotland have only had one shut-out — against Wales at Anfield in the 2-0 victory — in the past 16 games and that is not a solid foundation on which to launch a bid at world glory.

Alan Rough, Jim Stewart, Jim Blyth, Bobby Clark, Dave Stewart, Peter McCloy, Ally Hunter, Stewart Kennedy, Thomson Allan and David Harvey have all been given their chance, but I think the choice in the future could lie between Everton's George Wood and St Mirren's Billy Thomson. The sooner someone comes up with an answer to this problem the better!

Well, there is no new era promised by Jock Stein and the fans must be patient. It could be a slow, agonising process, but the Scottish fans must realise that all good things in life are worth waiting for.

I just wonder how long they will have to wait. . . .

Cunningham back at his best chases England spot

by BRIAN MARSHALL

Laurie Cunningham, of West Bromwich . . . will he be the first coloured player to represent England?

Last season Laurie Cunningham attracted the kind of headlines no sportsman likes to see in a newspaper. They purported that the Albion forward was putting more effort into his socialising than into his matches with the Midlands club.

As a result he was called in by manager Ron Atkinson for an explanation. He also had to face the rest of the Albion players in a questions and answers session in an effort to find out why he had lost his form of the previous season.

This type of "grilling" is unusual in any club but the manager thought it would be a good idea to clear the air and restore some confidence in the former Orient player.

On his own admission he is very much a "loner" inasmuch that he does not mix a great deal with the other players.

This is one point he had to stress to his colleagues because they could not understand his reluctance to take part in the activities aimed at "selling" West Bromwich Albion to the general public.

Cunningham, who cost Albion £110,000, said: "They couldn't understand that I am ill at ease in such circumstances. There is nothing personal against the other players but they couldn't understand me until we had this clear the air meeting."

But it was a fact that Cunningham was one of the most disappointed players last season. Manager Ron Atkinson was at a loss why such a talented player could not force his way into the team and win a regular place.

This was the explanation why Cunningham was often absent from the big games last season when Albion reached the F.A. Cup semi-final only to be beaten by Ipswich Town at Highbury.

Cunningham also feels that his experiences with the England under-21 side also had an important bearing upon his general form and resulted in him becoming even more introverted.

Like many players in this situation he was unable to give his best in the England shirt because of the tactics employed and the pressures exerted by the officials in charge who dangled the carrot of a full international place — if they played well.

The coloured Albion player said: "The result was that everyone appeared to play for themselves and in this kind of situation no one can benefit — not even England."

As he has admitted on other occasions this kind of approach was doomed to failure from his own point of view because the harder he tries to improve his game the worse it becomes.

He likes to operate as a free agent and be as relaxed as possible. In this way he can play his natural game and turn on some super shows as he has demonstrated so many times this season as Albion have turned on some scintillating displays.

Ironically, the turning point of his up and down career at the Hawthorns came at the start of the season when he was preferred to Scottish international Willie Johnston on the left flank.

This proved to be a big boost to the former Orient player and he immediately responded with a series of outstanding games.

Manager Ron Atkinson, who must have had a few reservations about Cunningham after taking over at the Hawthorns following his highly successful stint at Cambridge City, is now over the moon with his talented forward.

He has since pestered England manager Ron Greenwood about the form being shown by Cunningham and as a result the former West Ham United boss went to the Hawthorns to have a look for himself and afterwards expressed the opinion that Cunningham is a player he has noted for the future.

But for the present time Cunningham will be in the wings because it is obvious that Greenwood is building up a side in which as few changes as possible will be made as he guides England towards the 1982 World Cup.

Personally, I feel that Cunningham will be very much a part of this set up because his own individual brand of soccer will be most important to an England side which will be going all out to qualify for the top tournament.

Cunningham is himself out to impress. He said: "There is now a better understanding between myself and the rest of the players at the Albion. This is helping me because I feel a great deal more settled than when I first arrived.

"Obviously, I have got to play well to be recognised for international football. I've played at a lower level and now I hope that I can make the jump to the top.

"The way Albion are playing at the moment is a big advantage because we are in the public eye in a big way with some great performances. I'm also gaining some valuable experience in Europe and all this contributes towards my own personal improvement."

He is certainly a very fine player and his gazelle movement makes him a most difficult opponent to contain when he is in peak form. With his socks down over his ankles, he poses a continual threat to the opposition because they have a most difficult job trying to shut him out of a match.

Once he has gained the high degree of consistency which is becoming evident with every game in which he plays for Albion then he should make his mark at international level.

At the present time he appears to be involved in a rare old race with his team colleague, Cyrille Regis, to see who will become the first coloured player ever to appear in the senior England side. It might well turn out to be a draw. . . .

by BRIAN GLANVILLE

MIDFIELD ROLES ARE DIFFERENT

ONE thing the Brazilians have never neglected or forgotten is the essential difference between the two midfield roles. Having invented 4-2-4 and its "midfield" players themselves, not to mention 4-3-3, perhaps that is to be expected. But in Britain we confuse the roles all the time, and often most expensively.

What the Brazilians know is that ever since Herbert Chapman and Charlie Buchan got Arsenal playing the third back game in the mid 1920s, bringing the wing-halves into the middle and pulling both inside-forwards back behind the centre-forward and wingers, the two different, differing, categories have emphatically existed.

Ron Greenwood still doesn't really seem to have grasped the fact, though so able and widely experienced a manager can scarcely be unaware of it. Whatever may or may not happen in the friendly against Czechoslovakia, England's so called four man midfield against the Danes and Eire was pathetically inadequate to contain the opposition.

The two wingers, however often Coppell may have bravely chased back in Dublin, were precisely that, while the two inside-forwards were . . . two inside-forwards; alias Brooking and Wilkins. No wonder Liam Brady, who looks so uneasy whenever anybody marks him close and tight, had such a field day at Landsdowne Road. It was the match that was made, surely, with him in mind, just as Arnesen benefited from the same, strange, latitude in Copenhagen.

Defensive

Greenwood's apologists have told us that he is boldly refusing to try to bring "ball winners" into the England midfield, though what on earth you can do unless you *have* won the ball is beyond me. In his playing days, Tommy Docherty, an excellent Scottish international wing-half with a formidable tackle, used to say to me that he believed seventy per cent of a wing-half's duties were defensive.

That still seems fair enough: if you were by nature an attacking wing-half, such as Danny Blanchflower or Ronnie Burgess, of different epochs with Spurs, you might say the scale was 60-40. Yet no one ever conceived Blanchflower as an inside forward; or Ronnie Burgess, however often his greyhound figure came raking through from defence, and however often he left gaps for his opposing inside-forward to sport in.

By the same token, it just seems absurd to me to expect men such as Brooking and Ray Wilkins to play a containing game, to make their first priority — and it should surely have been *someone's* first priority — to shut out a player of the calibre of Liam Brady. The damage to their natural game, their true talents and virtues, would be immense.

When one asks for at least one natural half-back in the England — or any other — midfield, one isn't, Heaven help us, asking for a Norman Hunter, a Nobby Stiles, a Peter Storey, players such as were eternally dear to that supposed purist, Sir Alf Ramsey.

You could scarcely place the likes of Zito, Dino or Colodaldo, those superb Brazilian right-half-backs, in that category; yet half-backs they unquestionably were.

Does the midfielder, *per se*, anywhere exist? I believe he does: but rarely. Johan Neesekens is the ideal example. He can be a fierce tackler, a linking-half-back or an attacking inside-forward as the spirit moves him. Indeed, the game against Italy in Buenos Aires last June showed him in all three roles, for he began the match, at his own behest, as stopper, against Rossi; where he mistakenly stayed throughout the first half. But there aren't many players like Neeskens.

To make the differentiation is, it seems to me, the beginning of wisdom. Not to make it means the risk of the kind of thing which happened to England in Dublin. If you want me to point out what I'd call an attacking half-back of English origin in the Football League, I'd immediately give you the Under 21 player Steve Williams of Southampton who has a strong, sometimes even too robust, tackle, but who is always ready to charge through gaps; and exploit them with his quick, shrewd passes.

I don't seem him as an inside-forward, such as Brooking, Wilkins and Gemmill unquestionably are. Not than an inside-forward shouldn't be able to mark and tackle. Even, after all, in the heyday of the Third Back Game, an inside man was expected to shut down his opposing wing-half if the half-back decided to move into attack. It's simply a question of quantities, a delicate balance between attacking and defensive attitudes.

Fascination

I'VE been reading with some fascination and not a little surprise Fritz Seipelt's outspoken reflections on 1978 World Cup refereeing in FIFA NEWS. Outspoken . . . up to a point. Even though he is often critical, deploring such things as the placing of the referees' hotel in the centre of the busy Buenos Aires, the attitude of certain over confident referees, the antics of one or two others, he seems to me still to give too roseate a picture of what actually happened.

"Two enormous tactical errors on the field of play contributed essentially to aggravate even more the general impression," he writes. Or rather he cleverly didn't write that at all; his original German has simply found its way into awful translator's English.

Herr Seipelt, a Viennese member of the FIFA referees' Committee, picks out, though not by name, M. Dubach of Switzerland, who gave that awful penalty to Argentina against France, and our own Clive Thomas. Dubach he criticises for "asking the opinion of a linesman who was well away from the action in the case of a penalty-kick decision," Thomas for "the final whistle being given (sic) after a corner-kick when the ball had only travelled a few metres through the air."

Archie Gemmill of Scotland

Thomas, in the first half, had allowed Brazil's equaliser almost on the dot of half-time, but what, I understand, most displeased the Referees' Committee was his covering his eyes histrionically with his hands when a Swedish player almost put through his own goal.

Thomas wasn't remotely the worst of them and for me, his "crimes," though ill judged, couldn't compare with Dubach's ineptitude. My colleague Paul Gardner has already told us that what he (almost inconceivably) asked his Canadian linesman was not whether Trésor had deliberately handled the ball but, "Inside or outside?"

Quite how Seipelt, having individuated the failings of Thomas and Dubach in these opening games, can still say "during the first round, the referees' performances were quite positive" is beyond me. I do, however, attach great importance to his stricturing of referees who behaved with arrogant indifference when FIFA's committee gave them instructions on how to conduct themselves.

During the World Cup itself, Artemio Franchi, the head of the Referees' Committee, observed to me that you cannot tell experienced international referees how to officiate, to which I rejoin, as I have done before, not only that you can but that you MUST.

Seipelt says nothing about the abominable refereeing of Gonella in the Final, while I myself remember with horror how Palotai, that overrated pastime, let things slide and run in the Brazil-Argentina kicking match, how Rion abjectly abdicated when Italy began to kick Austria, how the Spaniard Martinez merely looked on at the reciprocal brutalities of Italy v Holland. To see Rion holding the whistle — you can scarcely say he took charge — at the Rangers-PSV European tie at Ibrox Park was to be transported uncomfortably back into the recent past.

There is much to be done if refereeing is to improve in 1982. FIFA must not only tell their referees what to do. They must see that they do it.

Paul Mariner (dark shirt) of Ipswich is sent off during extra time of a Cup Winners Cup match against Innsbruck at the Tivoli Stadium in Austria.

Paul Mariner (Ipswich) is beaten to the ball by Peter Koncilia of Innsbruck.

New rules govern entry to UEFA Cup

by Arthur Rotmil

THE OFT repeated boastful claim that the English First Division is "the best League in the world", has just received a hefty kick from statistics, which could reduce England's representation in the UEFA-Cup.

As from the 1980-81 season a new formula will come into operation by the European Football Union (UEFA) based on recent performances of each country's clubs. And if one takes now into account all results in the three European competitions over the past four years and calculates against the number of participants, then England's First Division only ranks in sixth place among the European Leagues!

Up till now, UEFA has allowed, for reasons best known to the organizing committee, for England, Italy and West Germany to enter four clubs in the UEFA-Cup tournament. In the 1970-71 season there was even the quite anomalous spectacle of five English entrants allowed in! But then, UEFA and FIFA have always bent over backwards to extend special privileges to England — the "motherland of soccer."

At the same time, a country like Holland, whose national team has been runners up in the World Cup twice running, whose clubs have won the European Champions Cup four times, the world club championship twice and the UEFA-Cup twice, are only permitted to enter two clubs . . .

Now UEFA under pressure from the many "underprivileged", decided on a new and just system of allocating places in the UEFA contest. If the current statistics were applicable, then next season West Germany, Holland and Belgium would be allowed to field four teams each in the UEFA-Cup — England together with Spain, Russia, Italy and East Germany only three.

The new formula to allocate the 64 places will be worked out as follows: A special League table will be prepared to include points gained by all clubs in the three European competitions. A win counts two points, a draw one point, while the result of a tie decided on penalties will stand as a draw. In addition, bonus points will be awarded to those teams who reached the last eight of any tournament: every finalist will receive three points, a semi-finalist two points and a quarter-finalist 1 point.

The total number of points, plus the bonus points will then be divided by the number of participants. The figure derived from this mean proportion, or average (for want of a better description), will form the basis of the "Table of Merit", extending over the past five years.

Each year's average figures will be added up. The countries with the best three average figures will be permitted to enter four teams in the UEFA-Cup. The next five nations can enter three clubs, the following thirteen lands two clubs each and the remainder just one team each.

The period covered by the calculations of averages will embrace the 1975-76 till the 1979-80 seasons. If one works out the results over the past four years — and the present season remember would have to be added on next year — then the current table and allowed number of entries looks as follows:

Four teams each		
1. West Germany	average	38.617
2. Holland		35.950
3. Belgium		31.850
Three teams each		
4. Spain		29.800
5. Russia		29.050
6. England		28.999
7. Italy		22.266
8. East Germany		22.250
Two teams each		
9. France		21.500
10. Yugoslavia		21.500
11. Hungary		18.150
12. Portugal		15.750
13. Poland		15.100
14. Czechoslovakia		14.000
15. Austria		13.700
16. Greece		13.500
17. Switzerland		12.900
18. Scotland		12.250
19. Bulgaria		11.000
20. Sweden		10.900
21. Turkey		9.000
One team each		
22. Rumania		7.550
23. Eire		4.999
24. Denmark		4.500
25. Norway		4.250
26. Finland		3.998
27. Northern Ireland		3.666
28. Cyprus		2.999
29. Malta		2.998
30. Iceland		1.998
31. Luxembourg		0.666

32. Albania (did not take part in any competitions in the past 4 years)

33. Wales does not organise a national championship and is therefore excluded from the UEFA-CUP.

To illustrate how one season's calculations work out, here is England's 1977-78 mean proportion:

	total pts
Liverpool 10 pts. plus 3 bonus pts (finalists)	13
Manchester United	5
Aston Villa 11 pts. plus 1 bonus pt (quarter-fin.)	12
Newcastle Utd.	3
Ipswich Town	9
Manchester City	2
	total 44 points

44 points divided by 6 clubs = 7.333 average.

By comparison, the best average so far was achieved by Holland precisely last season with a figure of 12.500, after the four clubs amassed an incredible 50 points (including bonus).

In 1974-75 the West Germans were tops with 12.33, the following season Belgium (10.500) and then Spain (10.000).

It is of course possible that England will improve her position in the current term since five clubs have reached the third round of the various competitions. But it is significant that the English have by comparison with other nations not done as well in Europe as their commentators frequently would have us believe.

NORTH AMERICA by Colin Jose

CONCACAF YOUTH TOURNEY

THE SEVENTH CONCACAF Youth Tournament was scheduled to get under way in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on November 26 and as you read this an event of some historical and political significance should already have taken place.

Few soccer fans will ever forget the so-called "Soccer War" of 1969 when a World Cup preliminary round game between Honduras and El Salvador ignited a long smoldering feud between the two Central American neighbours that resulted in a full scale, but thankfully brief, war.

Technically the nations are still at war, with it is said something like nine outstanding clauses yet to be settled before a peace treaty can be signed. But on November 27 in the city of San Pedro Sula the youth team of El Salavador will meet the youth team from the Netherlands Antilles, thus becoming the first team from El Salvador to play on Honduran soil since that fateful day of June 15 nine years ago.

The team from El Salvador is one of 19 youth teams from the CONCACAF region who originally entered the tournament with the two finalists to qualify for the FIFA World Youth Tournament for the Coca Cola cup to be played in Japan between August 25 and September 9, 1979.

San Pedro Sula I am told was chosen as the site for the team from El Salvador to play at rather than the capital of Tegucigalpa with the hope of minimising the chances of possible disturbances.

Playing in San Pedro Sula along with the team from El Salvador and in Group "A" will be the Netherlands Antilles, Mexico and Grenada. Group "B" in San Pedro Sula will consist of Costa Rica, Haiti, Jamaica and Bermuda.

The other two groups will play in Tegucigalpa with Canada, Honduras, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic in Group "A" and Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States and either or both Nicaragua and Guatemala. Nicaragua and Guatemala at the time of writing had not finally confirmed their entry.

Totally inadequate

The opening game was to be played in Tegucigalpa between Canada and the Dominican Republic with the Canadians along with the perennial champions Mexico, the United States and Honduras among the favourites. With accommodation at a premium and even then mostly totally inadequate the Canadians and Americans put their heads together and agreed to share accommodation at a Catholic Seminary seven miles from Tegucigalpa in the mountains.

Barrie Clarke, who some time ago played for Derby County but who now resides in Canada, will coach the Canadian team, and among the players he has selected is Danny Lenarduzzi, the younger brother of Canadian internationals Sam and Bobby Lenarduzzi. Danny Lenarduzzi, who like his brothers plays for the Vancouver Whitecaps, is an outstanding prospect in a team which manager John McMahon calls: "One of the best Canadian teams I have had the pleasure of handling."

Lenarduzzi, along with Ian Bridges, Doug Robinson and Paul Roe who played several games in the NASL for the Toronto Metros-Croatia last season are the only survivors of the Canadian youth team that played in the CONCACAF Youth Tournament in Puerto Rico in 1976.

The Americans who did exceptionally well in 1976 will be coached by Walter Chyzowych, who has just returned from leading the full US national team on a European tour which, although not achieving any startling results was, in the words of Gene Edwards, the President of the United States Soccer Federation: "Part of the long-term series of preparations for the 1982 World Cup."

The Americans opened their tour with a game against Iceland in Reykjavik which ended in a scoreless draw, before moving on to Switzerland where in Lucerne they lost 2-0 to the Swiss in a rain storm, in a game that the Swiss dominated for all but 20 minutes.

Playing against Olympique Marseilles in Le Havre the United States scored their only victory of the tour by one goal to nil with Gary Etherington of the New York Cosmos scoring with six minutes left in the game.

In West Germany, Borussia Dortmund were far too experienced for the young American team winning 4-0 but the Americans did manage a 1-1 draw with the Belgian club Beerchem. Playing against the Scottish Under 21 team in Aberdeen the United States were defeated by two second-half goals less than a minute apart after Dale Russell of the Houston Hurricane had equalised a first-half goal by the Scots.

Finally in perhaps their most impressive result of the whole tour the United States were defeated 1-0 by Portugal. The players who made up the US national team for this trip were as follows:

Goalkeepers: Arnie Mausser (Colorado Caribous), Dave Brcic (New York Cosmos). **Defenders:** Don Droege (Rochester Lancers), Greg Makowski (Colorado Caribous), Glenn Myernick (Dallas Tornado), Steve Pecher (Dallas Tornado), Jim McAllister (Seattle Sounders), Jim Pollihan (Rochester Lancers). **Midfield:** Colin Fowles (Fort Lauderdale Strikers), Steve Ralbovsky (Colorado Caribous), Al Trost (California Surf), Rick Davis (New York Cosmos), Dale Russell (Houston Hurricane). **Forwards:** Boris Bundov (Tampa Bay Rowdies), Gary Etherington (New York Cosmos), George Nanchoff (Fort Lauderdale Strikers), Mark Liveric (Oakland Stompers), Louis Nanchoff (Colorado Caribous), Greg Villa (Minnesota Kicks).

Dennis Tueart of Cosmos scores against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Boca Juniors face in final of Libertad

from ERIC WEIL

CUP holders Boca Juniors of Argentina and Colombia's Deportivo Cali, for the first time, reached the 1978 final of the Libertadores Cup which, in its 18 previous editions has been won 11 times by Argentine clubs (Independiente 6, Estudiantes de La Plata 3, Racing Club and Boca Juniors 1), four times by Uruguayan clubs (Peñarol 3, Nacional 1) and three times by Brazilian clubs (Santos 2, Cruzeiro 1). And this time, whoever wins, it will also be a mostly Argentine affair. Deportivo Cali has an Argentine coach, Carlos Bilardo, a midfielder with Estudiantes de La Plata when they won the cup in 1968, 1969 and 1970, and several Argentine players who are scoring most of their goals.

The clubs met in two rough and tumble Libertadores Cup semi-final games last year, drawing both 1-1 with virtually the same line-ups they have now. This time they had extraordinary similar semi-final campaigns, both gaining seven points from their four matches — unbeaten and with four more than their closest rivals — and both approached the final (away) game needing only a draw, but winning handsomely.

Semi final Group A

Boca Juniors, as 1977 winners, had a bye into the semi-final group which, as mentioned, they won more easily than expected. Argentine champions River Plate and Brazil's Atletico Mineiro were something of a disappointment, especially the former, with five World Cup winning players in their line-up, but using the wrong tactics at vital moments.

River Plate had decided to put all their resources towards winning the Libertadores Cup which had so far eluded them, turning their back on the first division championship in which they frequently played reserves while resting their first team for the cup.

But just before the semi-final group games they went on a month-long and not very profitable tour of Europe (in August) from which the players came back tired and coach Angel Labruna with some strange tactical ideas. River Plate have a wealth of talented players for attacking soccer which has won them all their titles in the past, but in vital cup games this time they concentrated needlessly on defence and the familiar cry went up again: "River Plate defend without being attacked." It was no way to win the cup.

Boca Juniors, after controlling most of the opening match, had to be satisfied with a 0-0 draw at home against River Plate. The muddy field did not stop both teams playing a great first half of fast, flowing soccer with Boca in command most of the way. Zanabria and Benitez took control of the midfield for them, captain Suñe marked River's schemer Alonso out of the game and the latter's dangerous Luque could not escape his markers either. Mastrangelo brought River goalie Fillol to some good saves, but Boca's forwards did not make the best use of the good midfield service they were getting and in fact it was half Zanabria who had half of their 12 first half shots at goal. Boca's style was better suited to the soft field and they had more of the ball, but just could not get in the dangerous shots to beat Fillol.

The second half was only a shadow of the first as there were numerous fouls which broke the rhythm. Boca were still in control until injured Zanabria was replaced by an extra forward (Husillos) 20 minutes from the end. From then on River's forwards had more chances and even gained their first corner two minutes from the end, but the biggest blow to Boca was the sending off of Benitez five minutes from the end (for hitting a rival) which meant he would miss the next game.

Against Atletico Mineiro, in Belo Horizonte, Boca again took midfield control with the excellent work of Zanabria and Suñe for the first half hour after Bordon's early goal from a free kick. Then Mineiro — playing the entire cup campaign without leading scorer Reinaldo who had still not recovered from a leg injury sustained in the World Cup — pressed more and equalised through Marcelo just before half-time. Boca took control again in the second half and had more of the ball as Bordon scored the deserved winner with another well placed free kick after 55 minutes, while the Brazilian attack was frequently caught in Boca's well applied offside trap.

River Plate beat Atletico Mineiro 1-0 in Buenos Aires to complete the first round level with Boca. J. Lopez was the scorer in his team's first deep advance after eight

Atletico Mineiro's Modesto puts through his own goal to help Argentina's Boca Juniors on the way to a 3-1 victory in the Libertadores Cup.

Colombia's Deportivo Cali

ores Cup

minutes, but River failed to press home their advantage against a team which was strong in midfield — where Cerezo, Dunival and Paulo Isidoro stood out — but was not too safe in defence and woefully weak in attack where they failed to take advantage of several River defensive mistakes. Instead, the Argentine team was too individual — with Luque standing out — and lacked organisation in a poor match.

Mineiro's defence failings were in evidence again in game four which put them out of the running after their 3-1 defeat at Boca Juniors. An early own goal by defender Modesto — a rebound as Cerezo tried to clear — put Boca on the way, but they did not make the best use of their chances with poor organisation in attack. The Brazilian team's excellent midfield, with Cerezo and Paulo Isidoro again standing out, managed to even up the game until Marinho scored the deserved equaliser just before half-time. A much improved Zanabria helped Boca throw everything into attack in the second half and Mineiro fell to pieces after Mastrangelo's 71 minute goal, Salinas scoring the third five minutes from the end.

River Plate lost 1-0 at Atletico Mineiro's stadium which left them the need to beat Boca Juniors in the last game to force a play-off. Marinho scored the goal seven minutes from the end after the Brazilians had been on top all the way, again with their Cerezo-Paulo Isidoro midfield outstanding. In fact they deserved to win by a bigger margin and only poor shooting and some good saves by Fillol prevented this.

If River Plate tried to play for a point from the start, they did it badly by letting Mineiro have too much of the ball and the Brazilians had at least seven good chances before they finally scored. Mineiro also again showed a poor defence, but only Luque was dangerous for the Argentine team which rarely played attacking soccer to show up Mineiro's failings.

Needing a victory to force a play-off in the last game, River Plate again missed their way against Boca Juniors as they failed to go into all out attack, allowing their rivals to take midfield control from the start. River also played it rough, making many more fouls than their rivals which also did not suit their need for victory at all.

It must be mentioned, however, that they played without their vital linkman, Alonso, who was injured in training the day before. Although Gatti had to make a difficult save from River's Ortiz and Bordon cleared a shot from Luque off Boca's goal line, the cup holders worked harder for victory and had more chances even in the first half which ended with no score.

Argentina World Cup international centre forward Leopoldo Luque (River Plate) gets past Brazilian defender Marcio (Atletico Mineiro) with Brazil's World Cup player Toninho Cerezo looking on in their Libertadores Cup semi-final group clash in Beunos Aires which River Plate won 3-1.

Mastrangelo hit the cross-bar for Boca within minutes of the re-start and beat Fillol with a low shot, following good work by Benitez, to put them ahead after 64 minutes. When River's Saporiti was sent off for a particularly rough foul after 76 minutes, Salinas immediately put Boca two up and it was all over. And River finished with nine men as Merlo was also sent off for dirty play with 11 minutes to go.

It was a case of Boca playing the type of attacking game which River Plate should have played as their only alternative was to win. Finally, however, Boca scored in the way they are most accustomed to — with counter attacks.

Semi final Group B

Deportivo Cali had already shown their potential in the first round group in which they knocked out Uruguay's Peñarol. In all, they won six, drew three and lost one of their games up to the final — and the one they lost (in the first round group) against bottom Danubio of Uruguay was the last and did not matter. Cali have this season turned more to attack, specially in their latest Libertadores Cup games, with Argentine-born Hector Scotta their danger man scoring five goals — tops in semi-final group B.

Alianza Lima, the big first round scorers with 19 goals in six games and lining up a good portion of the Peruvian national team, were the favourites to reach the final and underlined it when they started with a 3-0 home win over Paraguay's Cerro Porteño which could have been bigger. Goals came from internationals Cueto, Sotil and Cubillas as Cerro Porteño first tried to stem the tide with rough play, then tried to attack more and more . . . all to no avail.

Alianza's chances improved when Cerro Porteño went to Cali and obtained a 1-1 draw, marking their rivals closely and taking the lead with a free kick from Battaglia 20 minutes from the end. Cerro were naturally more intent on defending their lead, but Benitez, another Argentine, broke through eight minutes from the end to equalise.

Cali came back into the reckoning with a 3-2 home win over Alianza, Benitez scoring the winner 10 minutes from the end from a penalty. The other four goals had been scored in a good, even first half. And Alianza virtually dropped out of the reckoning when they went down 3-1 to Cerro Porteño in Asunción. Cerro defended a 2-0 first half lead and Alianza pulled one back with all out defence, but Cerro made it 3-1 from a counter-attack near the end.

Alianza's Peruvian internationals were gradually losing their World Cup momentum. Cubillas, their key man, was overweight and it was no great surprise when they crashed 4-1 at home to Cali. Scotta gave Cali a seven-minute lead and they continued on the attack, more so after Alianza had a man sent off in the first half. Alianza never could fight back and ended the game completely demoralised.

Cali needed a point at Asunción to reach the final which did not look easy, specially in the rough first half, but Scotta put Cali ahead just before the break. Zaspe saved a penalty at the start of the second half to stop the equaliser and this seemed to demoralise Cerro Porteño as Scotta scored again and Benitez two more.

New manager for Turkey

From Hasan Cemali

METIN TUREL has resigned as manager of the Turkish national team, less than a month before their opening European Championship game against Wales.

Turel objected to a decision to recall Ozcan Arkoc from Hamburg to supervise the training for the matches with Wales and West Germany. Turel was also criticised for Turkey's failure to qualify for the 1978 World Cup Finals.

The new coach is 58 years old Sabri Kiraz, but he is pessimistic about Turkey's chances in the European Championship. He said: "We stand no chance in our group, but we will decide who wins it. We will take Wales seriously. One of our major problems is injuries and the lack of a good goalkeeper. Striker Cemil, who was badly injured recently, will not be fit for another three months."

Kiraz says his aim is to get the best results and will build his team from the Trabzonspur club.

Sabri Kiraz (left) the new manager of Turkey, with Hasan Cemali, WORLD SOCCER'S man in Turkey.

Two-year ban for Madrid's Juanito

UEFA's determination to clamp down on violent play and threats to referees was underlined by the two-year ban inflicted on Real Madrid striker Juanito.

The 24-year-old has been suspended for two years from all UEFA competition games — that means European championship as well as the three club contests — for repeatedly butting East German referee Adolf Prokop after Madrid's decisive 2-0 defeat by Grasshoppers in Zurich.

A controversial late goal by Claudio Sulser had put Madrid out, surprisingly, on the away goals rule, with the aggregate tied at 3-3.

Juanito learned of the ban while returning from Paris where he had been Spain's outstanding player in their unlucky 1-0 defeat by France in a friendly.

"We had no intention of attacking the referee," said Juanito. "There were four of us surrounding him at the end of the game but we only swore at him and he was protected by the police."

The following Monday new Spanish federation secretary Agustin Dominguez, formerly Madrid's *gerente*, flew to Zurich to appeal on behalf of Madrid and the Spanish federation — who faced the loss of Juanito on the eve of the important European championship tie with Rumania in Valencia.

Dominguez's appeal was rejected — a decision described as "absurd" by FEF president Pablo Porta.

But one appeal to succeed in part was that of Arsenal, after Liam Brady had been banned for three UEFA Cup games for being sent off against Hajduk Split. The suspension was shaved to two matches.

CRUYFF SAYS GOODBYE

VETERANS the world over should take a lesson from the recent debacle of Johan Cruyff's Farewell Match in Amsterdam between old rivals Ajax and Bayern Munich.

If you decide to retire, then play your last game and get out. Don't hang around as Cruyff has done, or make every 'last match' a joke, as Pele did.

The Cruyff match was a disaster. Instead of being able to stride the Olympic stadium, leading Ajax to an honourable result which would leave the fans dewey-eyed, remembering the triumphs of yesteryear, Cruyff and Ajax were crushed 8-0!

When he left the field midway through the second half it was to a hail of cushions rather than carnations.

Paul Breitner and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge each scored hat-tricks for Bayern.

At virtually the same time one of the other great names from Ajax's glorious past, RINUS MICHELS, was accepting a new challenge.

'Iron Rinus' is to coach Los Angeles Aztecs in the North American League next year at a fee which, though so far undisclosed, is said to make him the best-paid manager in the world.

Finally, one more retirement. ROBERTO PERFUMO, Argentina's 1966 World Cup stopper, has quit. Perfumo, a world club cup-winner with Racing Buenos Aires in 1967, later moved to Cruzeiro in Brazil before returning home with River Plate in 1975.

His final seasons have been hit by controversy, with Perfumo missing more games than he played because of injury and contract disputes. After the Libertadores elimination by Boca Juniors he asked River for the customary free transfer granted ageing stars.

River president Rafael Aragon Cabrera said that was impossible with a player of Perfumo's remaining ability. Perfumo's response was to announce his retirement.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1

England, Bulgaria, Denmark, Northern Ireland, Ireland Rep.

24. 5.78	Denmark 3 Ireland Rep. 3
20. 9.78	Ireland Rep. 0 N. Ireland 0
20. 9.78	Denmark 3 England 4
11.10.78	Denmark 2 Bulgaria 2
25.10.78	Ireland Rep. 1 England 1
25.10.78	Northern Ireland 2 Denmark 1
29.11.78	Bulgaria v. N. Ireland
7. 2.79	England v. N. Ireland
2. 5.79	Ireland Rep. v. Denmark
2. 5.79	Northern Ireland v. Bulgaria
23. 5.79	Bulgaria v. Ireland Rep.
6. 6.79	Bulgaria v. England
6. 6.79	Denmark v. N. Ireland
12. 9.79	England v. Denmark
17.10.79	Ireland Rep. v. Bulgaria
17.10.79	Northern Ireland v. England
31.10.79	Bulgaria v. Denmark
21.11.79	England v. Bulgaria
21.11.79	N. Ireland v. Ireland Rep.
6. 2.80	England v. Ireland Rep.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
N. Ireland	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Rep. of Ireland	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
Denmark	4	0	2	2	9	11	2
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0	2	2	1

Group 2

Austria, Belgium, Scotland, Norway, Portugal

30. 8.78	Norway 1 Austria 2
20. 9.78	Belgium 1 Norway 1
20. 9.78	Austria 3 Scotland 2
11.10.78	Portugal 1 Belgium 1
25.10.78	Scotland 3 Norway 2
15.11.78	Austria v. Portugal
29.11.78	Portugal v. Scotland
7. 2.79	Scotland v. Belgium
28. 3.79	Belgium v. Austria
2. 5.79	Austria v. Belgium
10/15.5.79	Norway v. Portugal
7. 6.79	Norway v. Scotland
29. 8.79	Austria v. Norway
12. 9.79	Norway v. Belgium
17.10.79	Belgium v. Portugal
17.10.79	Scotland v. Austria
1.11.79	Portugal v. Norway
21.11.79	Belgium v. Scotland
21.11.79	Portugal v. Austria
6. 2.80	Scotland v. Portugal

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	3	2	0	0	5	2	4
Scotland	3	1	0	1	5	5	2
Belgium	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Portugal	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Norway	3	0	1	2	3	6	0

Group 3

Cyprus, Spain, Rumania, Yugoslavia

4.10.78	Yugoisavia 1 Spain 2
25.10.78	Rumania 3 Yugoslavia 2
15.11.78	Spain v. Rumania
13.12.78	Spain v. Cyprus
1. 4.79	Cyprus v. Yugoslavia
4. 4.79	Rumania v. Spain
13. 5.79	Cyprus v. Rumania
10.10.79	Spain v. Yugoslavia
31.10.79	Yugoslavia v. Rumania
14.11.79	Yugoslavia v. Cyprus
18.11.79	Rumania v. Cyprus
9.12.79	Cyprus v. Spain

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Spain	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Yug'sl'ia	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group 4

German DR, Iceland, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland

6. 9.78	Iceland 0 Poland 2
20. 9.78	Netherlands 3 Iceland 0
4.10.78	German DR 3 Iceland 1
11.10.78	Switzerland 1 Netherlands 3
15.11.78	Netherlands v. German DR
15.11.78	Poland v. Switzerland
28. 3.79	Netherlands v. Switzerland
18. 4.79	German DR v. Poland
2. 5.79	Poland v. Netherlands
5. 5.79	Switzerland v. German DR
22. 5.79	Switzerland v. Iceland
9. 6.79	Iceland v. Switzerland
5. 9.79	Iceland v. Netherlands
12. 9.79	Iceland v. German DR
12. 9.79	Switzerland v. Poland
26. 9.79	Poland v. German DR
10.10.79	Poland v. Iceland
13.10.79	German DR v. Switzerland
17.10.79	Netherlands v. Poland
21.11.79	German DR v. Netherlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Poland	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
E. Germany	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Iceland	3	0	0	3	1	8	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group 5

France, Luxemburg, Sweden, Czechoslovakia

2. 9.78	France 2 Sweden 2
4.10.78	Sweden 1 Czechoslovakia 3
7.10.78	Luxemburg 1 France 3
18. 2.79	France v. Luxemburg
4. 4.79	Czechoslovakia v. France
1. 5.79	Luxemburg v. Czechoslovakia
6/13.5.79	Sweden v. Luxemburg
5. 9.79	Sweden v. France
10.10.79	Czechoslovakia v. Sweden
23.10.79	Luxemburg v. Sweden
17.11.79	France v. Czechoslovakia
24.11.79	Czechoslovakia v. Luxemburg

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
France	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
Czechoslovakia	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Luxembourg	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

Group 6

Finland, Greece, Hungary, USSR

24. 5.78	Finland 3 Greece 0
20. 9.78	Finland 2 Hungary 1
20. 9.78	USSR 2 Greece 0
11.10.78	Hungary 2 USSR 0
11.10.78	Greece 8 Finland 1
28.10.78	Greece 4 Hungary 1
2. 5.79	Hungary v. Greece
19. 5.79	USSR v. Hungary
4. 7.79	Finland v. USSR
12. 9.79	Greece v. USSR
17.10.79	Hungary v. Finland
31.10.79	USSR v. Finland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	4	2	0	2	12	7	4
Finland	3	2	0	1	6	9	4
USSR	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Hungary	3	1	0	2	4	6	2

Group 7

Germany FR, Malta, Wales, Turkey

25.10.78	Wales 7 Malta 0
29.11.78	Wales v. Turkey
25. 2.79	Malta v. Germany FR
1. 4.79	Turkey v. Germany FR
2. 5.79	Wales v. Germany FR
2. 6.79	Malta v. Wales
17.10.79	Germany FR v Wales
21.11.79	Turkey v. Wales
22.12.79	Germany FR v. Turkey
27. 2.80	Germany FR v. Malta

Dates of Malta and Turkey still provisional

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	1	1	0	0	7	0	2
W. Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malta	1	0	0	1	0	7	0

Karl Heinz Rummenigge of West Germany.

CZECHOSL

ERIC BATTY

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Pavol Michalik 27 years/10 caps (Banik Ustrava)
Anton Ondrus 28/39 (Dukla, Banska Bystrica)
Rostislav Vojacek 29/9 (Banik Ostrava)
Frantisek Stambachr 25/3 (Dukla Praha)
Karel Kroupa 27/15 (Zbrojovka Brno)
Koloman Gogh 30/35 (Slovan Bratislava)
Miroslav Gajdusek 27/31 (Dukla Praha)
Zdenek Nehoda 28/49 (Dukla Praha)

Jozef Barmos 24/10 (Dukla Praha)
Jaroslav Pollack 31/46 (Dukla, Banska Bystrica)
Marian Masny 28/41 (Slovan Bratislava)

Others who might play:
Dusan Keketi (goalkeeper), Spartak Trnava 27/2
Jan Fiala (defender), Dukla Praha 22/7
Jan Kozak (midfield) Lokomotive Kosice 24/14
Oldrich Rott (midfield) Dukla Praha 27/4
Ivan Bilsky (Dukla Praha) midfield 23/7

THE last time I saw Czechoslovakia play in Britain was against Wales at Wrexham when they went down 0-3, and were not really beaten. The truth is that they laid down and surrendered.

After that match I spoke with team manager Václav Jezek (now boss of Feyenoord) and remarked that Antonin Panenka had had a stinker. Seeing Panenka play in Prague for Bohemians (against other Czech players he is a real treat, for he is both crafty and skilful, but he has no stomach for a battle and lacks physical condition. In Czech football that doesn't matter, but as we all know, you have to be prepared to fight for the right to play against British sides in Britain.

Interestingly, the next time I saw Mr. Jezek was in Prague and by then he had gone through a film of the Welsh encounter and analysed it, as he did with every game. He reminded me of my remark about Panenka, and told me: "You don't know how right you were about Panenka in Wrexham. He only touched the ball eight times in 90 minutes!"

After the Czechs won the European Championship in 1976, most people thought they would provide tough opposition for Wales and Scotland in the World Cup, but I wanted to bet that Scotland would qualify, while England would not — and could not get a bet on anywhere. I felt that way because with star goalkeeper Ivo Viktor retiring with a back injury and their giant '*libero*', Anton Ondrus, suspended for three out of the four World Cup games and the backbone of the Czech defence had gone, and what was left was not worth much. They simply could not replace Viktor and Ondrus who meant so much to their team.

Having been eliminated from the Argentina trail, Vaclav Jezek began to experiment and his assistent Dr. Jozef Venglos benefited when he took over last July. But the Czechs had to go through a series of disappointing results before the makings of a new, good team emerged.

At that time, Slovan Bratislava who had been led by Venglos went on the slide after he resigned, failing to agree with the club directors on a new more "professional" approach, and they had provided half the team in 1976.

Meanwhile, two veterans of '76, Jaroslav Pollack and Ondrus had been called up for Army service, and Dukla Prague didn't want either of them. So they joined the Slovak army club, Dukla Banska Bystrica and Pollack helped them up into the first division, with Ondrus following him in the summer. Dukla Praha did take right back Jozef Barmos (from Inter Bratislava), however, and are currently top of the league with the scalp of Everton in the UEFA Cup hanging on their belts.

The new Czech team produced by Venglos and now being polished is not as young as would be the case in most countries. For a start the Czechs have a rule — quite stupid in my view — that players under 18 need medical permission before they can play first team football, and that holds back the development of youngsters.

The disadvantage here, of course, is that the new team will not last too long and as has been shown in the past, the Czechs have to rebuild more often than most other countries because their good teams age too fast. And it all stems from that 18 years rule.

Another interesting fact not generally known was highlighted for me in conversation with Dr. Venglos after England had beaten the Czechs at Wembley in 1974 by 3-0. "We cannot compete with England physically," said Venglos. "Of course we have men in our country who have the same attitude as the English, but they take up ice hockey while the more intelligent young men turn to football."

The Czechs, as may or may not be known, are regular world and European champions in ice hockey which is far tougher than football and can get really violent. Some of their players have the 'butcher' attitude that often crops up in English football, but in Czechoslovakia these men, usually from the mining areas of Kladno, Ostrava and Slovakia all take up the stick game.

The Czechs only serious rivals in ice hockey are the Russians and meetings between these two sides are always staged before capacity crowds anywhere in the world and are really hard-fought affairs with the losing team inevitably turning nasty and getting very violent.

Thus it is that Czech domestic football is more skilful and intelligent, but also much slower and with less physical contact than in most western countries. This has always been so of the game in Central Europe, but never more apparent than in the last 15 years when the game everywhere has been changed by improved physical training methods.

The first game under Jozef Venglos was a friendly away to East Germany in Leipzig and he chose another very experimental side that included five players that had only two or three caps. They paid for that with a 2-1 defeat and they had nothing up front which was underlined by the fact that it was Ondrus who scored their late consolation goal.

Then, with Venglos having made up his mind about his new team they set off for Stockholm for their first competitive game against Sweden in the European Championship. The Swedes had just drawn 2-2 away to France and I would think that Venglos was both surprised and delighted when his new team won 3-1.

Zdenek Nehoda of Czechoslovakia.

LOVAKIA

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Since then the Czechs have played two friendlies, going down 3-4 to West Germany whom they met on a day when Rainer Bonhof was fully fit and in the mood to play and he scored two first half goals.

Then they met Italy in Bratislava and saw them off by 3-0.

Thus if the Czechs can get a good result away to France, and bearing in mind they are always far more confident and capable at home, they have an excellent chance of qualifying for the European Championship, and a good performance at Wembley would do a lot to boost their morale.

Assuming that everyone is fit and well, the Czech side at Wembley is based not on Slovan Bratislava but on the team that did so well in 1976 with five veterans of their European Championship success.

Ondrus is back, of course, and he makes a great difference. A giant of a man, he has very good skills for a big man and excels in the air. In defence he is a tower of strength at the back, and he goes up for set pieces and in open play, too, *a la* Beckenbauer.

The other 1976 veterans are left-back Koloman Gogh, midfield general Jaroslav Pollack, right-winger Marian Masny and centre-forward Zdenek Nehoda, now playing as the left-sided striker.

Centre-forward Karel Kroupa also played in the European Championship, going on as a substitute in a game I saw when the Czechs beat Russia 2-0 in Bratislava but relatively, Kroupa was only a boy then and missed a gift goal in that game from three yards, shooting wildly over the bar with no one near him and the goalkeeper laying flat on the ground.

Dukla Praha provide four players — more than any other club — and Nehoda, Barmos, Frantisek Stambachr and Miroslav Gajdusek all helped to beat Everton 1-2 and 1-0 on away goals in the UEFA Cup.

Still on the theme of experience, goalkeeper Pavol Michalik, of Banik Ostrava played at Hampden Park against the Scots and was badly mistreated in the air by Joe Jordan.

Marian Masny of Czechoslovakia.

On top of that, Ondrus, Gajdusek and Masny all played in the last Wembley game against England, while stopper Rostislav Jojacek went on in the second half as substitute.

Overall then, the Czech players are not lacking in experience. Clearly a lot will depend on the Czech rearguard but they are all good players and should be able to look after themselves in one against one duels and even goalkeeper Michalik should be at least competent in the air. With Ondrus at the back to look after anyone who gets in trouble, they should be all right there.

Up front, Kroupa got a lot of goals last season, helping Brno to win the Czech championship, while Nehoda is tough, quick and well built, a typically English type striker, good in the air and not chicken.

Joining them is right winger Marian Masny who is one of the most skilful and quick wingers in the international game. He doesn't get many goals for Slovan, but for the national team he moves from one wing to the other, often cuts in to have a go himself and scored twice in the big success in Stockholm.

Midfield is where the Czechs are most suspect for it seems possible that Venglos may have decided that 31-year-old Pollack, known as "Bobby" to Czech fans who liken him to Bobby Charlton, is over the hill. He has flirted instead with 24-year-old Jan Kozak, of Lokomotive Kosice and could field him at Wembley.

Stambachr, the defensive midfield player has only three caps and Gajdusek who completes the trio is a problem player in my book.

Gajdusek has a lot of skill as I know very well, but whenever I have seen him for club or country he has been disappointing and hardly in the game. I've lost count of the times that I have seen him on bad days and been told: "Ah, but you should have seen him last week. He was brilliant!"

If the midfield click then I can see the Czechs doing very well at Wembley where they drew 0-0 in the autumn of 1966. I cannot see them winning, but if they draw or even hold England to a one-goal win *AND GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES*, Venglos and the CSSR as a whole will be well pleased.

England manager Ron Greenwood.

SOUTH AFRICA

by Winsor Dobbin

Johansen resigns as manager of Arcadia

KAI JOHANSEN, the former Glasgow Rangers and Danish international defender, has resigned from his job as manager of one of South Africa's top clubs, Arcadia of Pretoria.

Johansen's decision came after Arcadia — fielding three players from the North American Soccer League and a number of former British professionals — were beaten 4-3 by an unknown amateur side in the quarter finals of the Mainstay Cup.

Alexandra Blackpool, an unheralded team from a black township outside Johannesburg, made Arcadia pay the penalty for over confidence and the mistake of leaving out their star black striker Vincent Julius.

Arcadia, whose stars include Geoff Wegerle, the Tampa Bay Rowdies pair of Steve Wegerle and Mike Connell as well as former Crystal Palace striker Gerry Queen, went 3-1 down after a hat-trick from 19-year-old Johannes Simelane. Dan Ndlagamandla added a fourth goal after Bobby Viljoen had narrowed the deficit and even a late effort from Queen could not save Arcadia, or Johansen — who had spent a small fortune building a team good enough to win the Cup.

Johansen had managed Arcadia for five seasons, and four years ago led the team to a league and Cup double.

In another quarter-final shock, Lusitano — managed by former West Ham and England centre-forward Budgie Byrne — lost on penalties to Wits University after drawing 3-3 after extra-time.

Wits, managed by another former West Ham player — Eddie Lewis — had a hat-trick from Richard Kellett to thank for their victory. Kellett was plagued by injuries when he played for Chicago Sting.

All four semi-finalists come from Johannesburg, with Soweto teams Kaizer Chiefs and Moroka Swallows both winning their quarter-finals.

Chiefs beat Cape Town City 3-2 with Swallows defeating Pretoria Callies 1-0.

Ace Ntsoelengoe, the Minnesota Kicks forward, scored one of the goals for Chiefs, who were in electric form in front of a 30,000 crowd.

Cape Town City boss Frank Lord, the former Crystal Palace assistant-manager, slammed referee Caleb Nxgabane for playing too much injury time, but Chiefs — with two goals from Nelson Dladla, were popular winners.

In the league, Lusitano, the team Budgie Byrne took over from former East Stirling player Joe Frickleton, is in an unassailable position.

With former Plymouth goalkeeper Peta Bala'c (eq) in fine form in goal and Malcolm and Ian Filby — former Orient reserves — scoring regularly, no-one has been able to match Lusitano's consistency.

With defenders Mike Brown and Ian Delacour solid in defence, Lusitano quickly opened a lead over a group of challengers that have included Highlands Park, Wits, Chiefs, Witbank Black Aces, Pretoria Callies and Benoni United.

Plans are currently being formulated for South Africa's major league, the NPSL, to merge with a rival body, the Federation.

The Federation League, which has been dogged by the defections of top teams like Cape Town and Hellenic to the NPSL, was won by Durban City, one of the few top teams from the former white league that elected to join the Federation instead of the NPSL.

Both leagues have had teams fielding totally integrated teams this season, and with apartheid being swept out of the way it is politics rather than any sporting consideration that could block the way to a Super League.

Some members of the predominantly coloured and Indian Federation are opposed to "normal sport in an abnormal society" and if the die-hard left wingers have their way, mass defections to the NPSL are expected.

One way or another South Africa looks likely to have just one major league next season.

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EURO – RESULTS

compiled by Keir Radnedge

IN THE early days of *World Soccer* the regular feature 'European International Review' was a rather different sort of animal than that demanded today.

Nearly 20 years ago the only competitive football at national team level of serious consideration was the World Cup. In between there was only the fledgling Nations' Cup.

Consequently friendly internationals were still mainly 'prestige' games.

Nowadays friendlies are squeezed in not so much for their own sake as to give a manager an opportunity to experiment in between the competitive rush provided by the full-blown European championship and, of course, the World Cup.

In World Cup year full concentration was given in these columns to the qualifying matches and the warm-up games which preceded the finals, but now we're back to what passes for normal.

Consequently, in re-establishing the European International Review I have had a little catching up to do. The details that follow relate to all national team activity in Europe *since the World Cup* – with the exception of the two European championship ties which took place *before* Argentina, but which, for reasons of record, are worth their places.

The outstanding impression of the matches played is the lack of any sort of competitive break after the World Cup. Everyone is back battling for points immediately — even Argentina runners-up Holland.

Of the World Cup Finalists, few have made any attempt to begin a major clear-out, though there are new faces particularly in the Hungarian line-up as they try to cover for the suspended Nyilasi and Toroesik.

As for the rest, Russia remain ponderously unpredictable, and Jupp Derwall's first West Germany selection looks similar to the Schoen version — though the introduction of Gerd Zewe and Karl Förster in defence against the Czechoslovaks were interesting.

Holland's returning boss Jan Zwartkruis decided to let bygones be bygones and recalled Ruud Geels and Jan Peters, despite their refusals to go to Argentina.

As for Italy, European championship hosts in 1980 and blessed with a bye into the finals, they looked barely interested in 1-0 wins over Bulgaria and Turkey.

The European under-21 championship is already under way, and results up to the end of October are listed here. So too are those results of season's openers between national and club sides — such as France's 1-0 win over Anderlecht.

MAY 24
Copenhagen — European Championship group one
Denmark 3 (Jensen 32, B. Nielsen 79 pen, Lerby 80)
Rep. Ireland 3 (Stapleton 11, Grealish 25, Daly 65)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Beck (Holland).

It looked as if the Irish were going to run away with the match at one stage until exiled professionals Henning Jensen and Benny Nielsen took a serious interest in the game.

Helsinki — EC group six
Finland 3 (Ismail 35, 82, J. Nieminen 80)
Greece 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Einbeck (EG)

JUNE 30
Borras
Sweden 2 (Nilsson 17, M. Andersson 80)
Finland 1 (Ismail 39)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 6,600.

The Swedes were playing their first game after the World Cup and missed several of their senior players who wanted a rest before beginning a new season with their professional clubs. Th Finns played well and deserved a draw, but Jurkki Nieminen, who plays in Sweden with Eskilstuna, saw his drive come back off the bar.

Sweden: Hellstroem — Borg, Nordqvist, Aaman, Erlandsson — Nordin, Larson, Nilsson — Torstensson, Edstroem (M. Andersson), Wendt.

AUGUST 9
Helsinki
Finland 1 (Ismail 79)
Norway 1 (Johansen 61)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000.

Finland dominated the first half and were unlucky to be behind. Turkish-born centre forward Atik Ismail equalised after taking a corner and getting the return from Mikka Toivola. But the best chance was wasted by Arto Uimonen after only 11 minutes.

Finland: Alaja — Vilen, Vihtila, Heln, Ranta — Jantunen, Suomalainen, Toivola — Uimonen, Ismail, Nieminen.

Norway: Tom Jacobsen — Karlsen (Berntsen 29), Birkelund, Kordahl, Pedersen — Thunberg, Johansen, E. Aas — Mathisen, Iversen (S. Aas 80), Okland.

AUGUST 20
Stockholm
Sweden 1 (Berggren 62)
Denmark 2 (B. Nielsen 10, Roentved 17 pen)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 28,000.

The Swedes were even further weakened now by the absence of Ronnie Hellstroem as well as Benny Wendt and Anders Linderoth and the Danes were well worth their win. Benny Nielsen hit the post after two minutes, scored in the 10th and was sent sprawling in the penalty box soon after for the penalty which Per Roentved converted. Magnus Andersson was the culprit.

AUGUST 30
Oslo — EC group two
Norway 0
Austria 2 (Pezzey 23, Krankl 43)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Partridge (Eng)

Easy for Austria, who went ahead through a Bruno Pezzey header before increasing their lead with a typical left foot drive from Hans Krankl. The Norwegians had won the first international between the countries in 1934 but have now lost all the other four.

Norway: Jacobsen — Karlsen (Berntsen 21), Birkelund, Grondalen, Pedersen — Aas, Johansen Thunberg — Mathisen, Iversen (Okland 72), Thorsen.

Austria: Fuchsbichler — R. Sara, Obermayer, Pezzey, Strasser — Weber, Prohaska, Kreuz, Jara (Hintermayer 64) — Schachner, Krankl.

Erfurt
E. Germany 2 (Eigendorf 15, 62)
Bulgaria 2 (Panov 21, Stankov 41)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Wencl (Cz)

SEPTEMBER 2
Paris — EC group five
France 2 (Berdoll 72, Six 83)
Sweden 2 (Nordgren 54, L. Larsson 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 44,703. **Ref:** Palotai (Hungary)

France, without Michel Platini because of his recent ankle break, had all their World Cup men on duty with the exception of goalkeeper Andre Rey and Albert Gemmrich, who had both been unlucky to miss out on Argentina. However it was only after Gemmrich had been replaced by Marc Berdoll that Michel Hidalgo's men seriously troubled Hellstroem. True to form, the French immaturity at international level reasserted itself in the final minutes when they went looking for No 3 instead of closing up at the back and Lennart Larsson grabbed the late, late equaliser.

France: Rey — Battiston, Lopez, Rio, Bossis — Bathenay, Michel (Girosse 77), Jouve — Rouyer, Gemmrich (Berdoll 65), Six.

Sweden: Hellstroem — Borg, Nordqvist, Aaman, Arvidsson — Linderoth, L. Larsson, Nordgren — Gronhagen, Sjoeberg (Berggren 75), Wendt.

SEPTEMBER 3
Reykjavik
Iceland 0
United States 0
Att: 2,500. **Ref:** Haugen (Norway).

Helsinki
Finland 0
Poland 1 (Majewski 58)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Oberg (Norway).

SEPTEMBER 6
Reykjavik — EC group four
Iceland 0
Poland 2 (Kusto 22, Lato 72)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,000.

Poland got a fortunate start when Marek Kusto's shot was fumbled over the line by goalkeeper Stefansson. Poland were without Jan Tomaszewski, now on his way to Beerschot in Belgium, but featured mostly familiar faces including the interesting recall of hard-line midfielder Cmikiewicz. Note — No Deyna.

Poland: Kucia — Maculewicz, Szymanowski, Majewski, Rudy — Blachno, Boniek, Cmikiewicz, Masztaler — Lato, Kusto.

Leipzig
E. Germany 2 (Pommerenke 20, Eigendorf 66)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Ondrus 83)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Wöhrer (Aus).

The Czechs had to make a late change when goalkeeper Hruska went down with flu on the day of the game, and his replacement Keketi was a bundle of nerves, providing the East Germans with both goals. Marian Masny came in for some rough treatment in attack and Weber was lucky to escape with a yellow and not a red card after an awful foul just after the interval. The Czechs could only score however thanks to a speculative long shot from Anton Ondrus.

Czech: Keketi — Barmos, Ondrus, Fiala, Gogh — Jarusek (Nehoda 46), Kozak, Pollak — Masny, Kloucek (Bilsky 72), Gajdusek.

Lucerne
Switzerland 2 (Elsener 12, Schnyder 81)
United States 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,500. **Ref:** Fausek (Cz).

SEPTEMBER 20
Dublin — EC group one
Rep. Ireland 0
N. Ireland 0
Att: 55,000. **Ref:** Rion (Bel)

The Irish nations' first senior international in their 50-odd years of separation was a disappointment. Two experienced defences dominated and the sharpest save Pat Jennings had to make for the North was from a back-pass by his Arsenal colleague Pat Rice.

Rep. Ireland: Kearns — Grealish, Lawrenson, Synnott, Holmes — Brady, Daly, Giles — McGee, Stapleton (Walsh), Heighway (Givens).

N. Ireland: Jennings — Rice, C. Nicholl, Hunter (Hamilton), Nelson — J. Nicholl, O'Neill, McCreery, McIlroy — Armstrong, Spence (Cochrane).

Vienna — EC group two
Austria 3 (Pezzey 27, Schachner 47, Kreuz 63)
Scotland 2 (McQueen 64, Gray 78)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Michelotti.

The Austrians were again without World Cup goalkeeper Friedl Koncilia because of an arm injury suffered in the league, but Fichsbichler had no trouble for most of the game. Alan Rough made a good save from Kurt Jara before Pezzey put Austria ahead after he had earlier been robbed by the post. In the 47th minute Herbert Prohaska, in outstanding form, laid on the second for Walter Schachner and then Willi Kreuz broke away, hit the bar, collected the rebound and scored. It was with two headers from Gordon McQueen and Andy Gray that the Scots provided a fighting finale in what would prove manager Ally MacLeod's last match.

Austria: Fuchsbichler — R. Sara, Obermayer, Pezzey, Strasser — Prohaska, Weber, Jara — Schachner, Kreuz, Krankl.

Scotland: Rough — Kennedy, Buchan, McQueen, Donachie — Souness, Hartford, Gemmill — Dalglish, Gray, Jordan (Graham 61).

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Lokeren — EC group two

Belgium 1 (Cools 65)
Norway 1 (Larsen 8)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Raus (Yug)

An upset for Guy Thys's Belgians, going one down after Rene Vandereycken carelessly headed clear a corner to the feet of Larsen. It was 21 minutes before the Belgians put together a serious attack and then Tom Jacobsen saved easily from Frankie Vercauteren. Finally Julien Cools equalised and though the Belgians gained a penalty when Roger van Gool was pulled down, Georges Leekens's kick was easily saved by Jacobsen.

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets (Van der Elst 46), Leekens, Meeuws, Cools — Verheyen, Van der Eycken, Coeck, Gourant (Ceurts 60) — Van Gool, Voordeckers.

Norway: Jacobsen — Kordahl, G. Aas, Grondalen, Pedersen — Andersen, Berntsen, Johansen — Thorsensen, Larsen (Jacobsen 87), Mathisen (Thunberg 75).

Nijmegen — EC group four

Holland 3 (Krol 33, Brandts 53, Rensenbrink 63 pen)
Iceland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,500. **Ref:** Mattson (Fin).

Iceland were unlucky in the 17th minute when Peter Petursson broke away and was fouled by Krol, but no penalty was given. Under new boss Jan Zwartkruis the Dutch went ahead with Krol's 20-yard drive and as their pressure increased in the second half Johannes Edvaldsson and Sveinsson were booked — the one for tripping Rensenbrink, the other for time-wasting. Ernie Brandts headed in a corner and Ren enbrink coverted a penalty after a foul on Krol. Adrie Koster was making his debut for Holland.

Holland: Schrijvers — Poortvliet, Krol, Brandts, Wildschut — Jansen, Haan, W. Van der Kerkhof — Koster (Peters 70), Nanninga, Rensenbrink.

Iceland: Bjarnason — Gudlaugsson, Thordarsson, Jon Petursson, Thorbjoernsson — J. Edvaldsson, Albertsson (Gudnudsson), Atle Edvaldsson — Peter Petursson, Sigurvinsson, Sveinsson.

Erevan — EC group six

Russia 2 (Chesnokov 20, Bessonov 53)
Greece 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Carpenter (Rep. Ire)

Russia had warmed up with a 1-0 away win in Iran and took a terrible revenge for their crucial World Cup qualifying defeat. The Greeks found red tape thwarting them at every stage of their journey to Erevan, first with their flights being cancelled, then their hotel being fully booked and in the early hours of the day of the game their players had to grab what rest they could on the airport benches in Erevan. When it came to the match they found Oleg Blokhin in fine form, laying on the second goal for 20-year-old Kiev colleague Bessonov. The Greeks held out bravely, though Damanakis and Ravousis were both booked and Terzanidis was eventually sent off for rough play. Tomas Mavros was their best forward, while Mitropoulous might have had two goals with more accurate finishing.

Russia: Degtyarev — Prigoda, Chupikov, Bubnov, Berezhnoi — Buryak, Konkov, Bessonov — Khidiatulin, Chesnokov, Blokhin.

Greece: Cristalis — Kiraslas, Pallas, Ravousis, Firos — Terzanidis, Damanakis, Nikoloudis — Mitropoulos, Delikaris, Mavros.

Helsinki — EC group six

Finland 2 (Ismail 30, Pyykko 53)
Hungary 1 (Tieber 74)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,797. **Ref:** Fredrikson (Sweden).

A terrible blow to Hungarian pride, already badly dented in Argentina. Ismail opened the scoring after Arto Tolsa headed on a Sepp Pyykko corner, and Pyykko scored after Gujdar failed to hold a Jyrki Nieminen shot. Finland's Pertti Ajala also displayed his butterfingers, letting a Laszlo Tieber shot slip through his hands and over the line. Two bookings — Balint for hands, Mikko Toivola for repeatedly infringing the 10 yards at a free kick.

Finland: Ajala — Viktila, Tolsa, Salonen, Ranta — Jantunen, Suomalainen (Hellin 63), Toivola — Pyykko, Ismail, Nieminen.

Hungary: Gujdar — Pavoczai, Balint, Kereki, Lukacs — J. Kovacs, Gyimesi, Pinter — Kardos, Tatar, Tieber.

Norway goalkeeper Yore Haugvaldstad saves from the feet of Jim Melrose of Scotland in a European Under 21 Championship match. Scotland won 5-1.

Copenhagen — EC group one

Denmark 3 (Simonsen 25 pen, Arnesen 28, Roentved 86)
England 4 (Keegan 17, 23, Latchford 50, Neal 85)
HT: 2-2. **Att:** 48,000. **Ref:** Krokow (EG)

English rowdies caused their usual trouble, delaying the start with a hail of apple cores and other rubbish. The Danes were more affected than England who smoothly moved 2-0 up and then suddenly caved in with Neal fouling Lerby, which brought an Allan Simonsen penalty goal and was swiftly followed by a brilliant equaliser for Frank Arnesen laid on by Jorgen Kristensen, the old Feyenoord and Hertha forward. When Bob Latchford put England back ahead the Danes protested that he had used his arm, but it was goalkeeper Birger Jensen's stupid fault that Phil Neal ran in for No 4 after a terribly thrown clearance. Per Roentved scored a minute later, being given time to turn, take aim and fire, but as Ron Greenwood said: "The object of the game is to entertain, so no one can go away unhappy."

Denmark: Jensen — F. Nielsen, Munk Jensen, Roentved, Lerby — C. Nielsen, Arnesen, Lund, B. Nielsen (A. Hansen 46) — Simonsen, Kristensen.

England: Clemence — Neal, Hughes, Watson, Mills — Wilkins, Keegan, Brooking — Coppell, Latchford, Barnes.

Turin

Italy 1 (Cabrini 64)
Bulgaria 0
HT: 0-0 **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Linemayr (Aus)

With no Paolo Rossi to finish matters off, Italy three times hit the posts before young Cabrini grabbed the decisive goal.

Italy: Zoff — Gentile, Bellugi, Scirea, Cabrini — Benetti, Tardelli, Antognoni — Causio, Graziani, Bettega.

Bulgaria: Gorznov — Nikolov, P. Stankov, G. Bonev, Iliev — Kasherov, Sdravkov, Ivanov — Gerisonv, Panov, A. Stankov (Stajkov 81).

Lisbon

Portugal 1 (Costa 31)
United States 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** De Almeida (Port)

Portugal could have won more easily but Gomes had an 11th-minute penalty saved by Mausser.

SEPTEMBER 23

Florence

Italy 1 (Graziani 25)
Turkey 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Garrido.

Italy's use of 17 men to score one goal against the Turks set a record for an *Azzurri* international. The Turks had been unwilling to play this game in the first place but tried hard to make a game of it. But as Enzo Bearzot said: "It's still September. You can't expect any more of the team." It obviously goes unnoticed in Italy that other countries start somewhat earlier.

Italy: Conti — Cuccureddu (Cabrini 62), Manfredonia, Scirea (Bellugi 46), Gentile — P. Sala (Tardelli 46), Benetti (Pecci 46), Antognoni — Causio (Novellino 46), Graziani (Pruzzo 46), Pulici.

Turkey: Senol — Turgay, Erdogan (Erhan 86), Negati, Fatih, Engin, Sedat, Onder (Sadan 85), Ali Kemal (Cerdan 70), Cemil, Sevki.

OCTOBER 4

Zagreb — EC group three

Yugoslavia 1 (Halilhodzic 44)
Spain 2 (Juanito 20, Santillana 32)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Linemayr (Aus)

Strangely, considering the emotions generated by these teams' last meeting in the World Cup qualifiers, the Maksimir stadium was 9,000 below capacity as Yugoslavia tried to gain only the second win of their 10 games with Spain. Ante Mladinic was back in charge following the illness of new Slav boss Branko Lustica, but his experience was of no benefit for the Spaniards went ahead after 20 minutes when Juanito picked up a Marcelino pass and outstepped two defenders before picking his spot. Santillana headed in No 2 from a Del Bosque free kick, but the Slavs hit back and after Zungul missed an open goal, Susic set up the chance for Halilhodzic. Spain could have had a third in the short time before the interval, but Juanito, after going outside Stincic, tried to flick the ball back to the better placed Santillana and the goalkeeper recovered to grab the cross. In the second half it was mostly Yugoslavia with Miguel Angel — who was also booked for time wasting — performing heroics in Spain's goal and earning his luck, as when Savic rattled the bar.

Yugoslavia: Stincic — Ozoni, Rozic, Stojkovic, Muzinic — Zajec (Cukrov), Vukotic, Surjak — Susic, Halilhodzic, Zungul.

Spain: Miguel Angel — Marcelino, Migueli, Olmo, Chundi — Del Bosque, Villar, Asensi — Juanito (Sanchez), Santillana (Cano), Uria.

Halle — EC group four

East Germany 3 (Peter 6, Riedieger 29, Hoffman 72)
Iceland 1 (P. Petursson 14 pen)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Reynolds (Eng).

In torrential rain the East Germans took revenge for their humiliations at Iceland's hands in the last championships. Local Chemie Halle star Werner Peter beautifully clipped the first, but the Icelanders battled back and Petursson converted a penalty after being fouled. Slipping and sliding the East Germans looked worried until Riediger, Hoffman and goalkeeper Bjarnasson all dived for a cross and it flew into the net off Riediger's back! Riediger then laid on the third for Hoffmann. Iceland could have made it 2-2 earlier but Sigurvinsson's shot struck a post.

E. Germany: Croy — Doerner, Weise, Hause, Weber — Haefner (Lindemann 35), Pommerenke, Eigendorf — Riediger, Peter, Hoffmann.

Iceland: Bjarnasson (Stefansson 46) — Gudlaugsson, Bjoergvinsson, K. Thordarsson, Sveinsson (Albertsson 78), J. Petursson, Edvaldsson, Sigurvinsson, P. Petursson, Thordarsson, Thorbjoernsson.

Stockholm — EC group five

Sweden 1 (Borg 15 pen)
Czechoslovakia 3 (Kroupa 17, Masny 47, Nehoda 85)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Gordon (Scot)

Sweden's hopes of beating the champions were raised when Rostislav Vojacek brought down Mats Nordgren and Hasse Borg converted the penalty. They could have had another goal but Pavel Michalik tipped Benny Wendt's free kick over the bar and by that time Karel Kroupa had equalised. Masny then hit the Swedes again from a Gajdusek corner and after Nordgren was too slow to take a chance at the other end Zdenek Nehoda scored after Hellstroem could only parry a drive from Gajdusek. Frantisek Stambacher, on his debut, was the Czechs' star, new sweeper Ronnie Aaman for the Swedes.

Sweden: Hellstroem — Borg, Nordqvist, Aaman, Arvidsson — L. Larsson, Linderoth, Nordgren — Gronhagen, Berggren (Ohlsson 67), Wendt.

Czechoslovakia: Michalik — Barmos, Vojacek, Ondrus, Gogh — Stambacher, Pollak, Gajdusek — Masny, Kroupa (Kozak 82), Nehoda.

OCTOBER 5
Ankara

Turkey 0
Russia 2 (Gutsayev 37, Blokhin 41)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Michelotti.

Another friendly match win for Russia as they prepared for their EC tie with Hungary in Budapest.

Russia: Gontar — Konkov, Zhupikov, Makhovikov, Bubnov — Berezhnoi, Buryak, Bessonov — Gutsayev, Khidiatulin (Yartsev 46), Blokhin (Chesnokov 46).

OCTOBER 7
Luxembourg — EC group five

Luxembourg 1 (Michaux 73
France 3 (Six 14, Tresor 62, Gemmrich 79)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Weering (Hol)

Louis Pilot found problems even before his first match as Luxembourg boss when defender Leon Mond had to pull out because of an accident at work! As ever, the Luxembourg amateurs reinforced with a smattering of professionals struggled bravely, but in the end there was no argument about the victory of a French team for whom Francis Piaseki made his debut.

Luxembourg: Moes — Meunier (Catani 62), Raths (Fandel 43), Rohmann, Margues — Philipp, Dresch, Weis — Michaux, Dussier, Neuman.

France: Dropsy — Battiston, Lopez, Tresor, Bossis — Larios (Petit 64), Piasecki, Jouve — Rocheteau (Gemmrich 55), Lacombe, Six.

OCTOBER 11
Lisbon — EC group two

Portugal 1 (Gomes 31)
Belgium 1 (Vercauteren 37)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Konrath (Fr)

In a match played in continuous rain there was little good football, and both teams accused the other from benefiting from lack of an offside flag when they scored. Portugal's powerful Humberto Coelho was the best player on the field, while little was seen of the usually lively Eddy Voordeckers, from Belgian second division club Diest.

Portugal: Bento — Gabriel, Humberto, Eurico, Teixeira — Sheu (Artur 46), Alves, Oliveira, Costa — Manuel Fernandes (Nene 71), Gomes.

Belgium: Plaff — Gerets, Meeuws, Bross, Renquin — Cools, Coeck, Vercauteren, Van der Eycken — Darderne (Van der Elst 67), Voordeckers (Ceulemanns 60)

Copenhagen — EC group one

Denmark 2 (B. Nielsen 17, Lerby 63)
Bulgaria 2 (Panov 34, Iliev 84)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Franco Martinez (Sp)

Denmark opened strongly against the team expected to run England closest in the group and Benny Nielsen put them ahead after a Frank Arnesen cross. However it was Arnesen gave the ball away in midfield when Pavel Panov, Bulgaria's best player, equalised. The pattern was repeated in the second half, with the Bulgarians saving themselves very, very late.

Denmark: Kjaer — F. Nielsen, L. Larsen, Roentved, Lerby — Morten Olsen, Arnesen, H. Hansen, F. Lund — B. Nielsen, Kristensen.

Bulgaria: Goranov — Nikolov, P. Stankov, G. Bonev, Grancharov (Iliev), Sdravkov, Gochev, Slavkov (Ivanov), Mladenov, Panov, A. Stankov.

Berne — EC group four

Switzerland 1 (Tanner 29)
Holland 3 (Wildschut 19, Brandts 65, Geels 89)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 23,000. **Ref:** Irreira (Port)

Holland went ahead through a long-range effort by Piet Wildschut, deflected by Montandon but the Swiss didn't let that upset them and equalised through newcomer Markus Tanner after a neat one-two with Footballer of the Year Rudi Elsener, released for the night by his new West German club, Eintracht Frankfurt. Two accidents in the 35th minute cost the Dutch both Willy Van der Kerkhof and Hugo Hovenkamp, who were carried off, but it was sub Jan Peters who laid on goal No 2. His cross was back-headed by Ruud Geels — back for the first time since saying No thank you to an Argentina invite — and Brandts headed in. The Swiss battled back again and Piet Schrijvers was scrambling to save a Luciano Bizzini header before substitute Raimundo Ponte, from point blank range, shot straight at the goalkeeper. It proved a costly miss. With three minutes to go Geels slipped away to celebrate his recall with a neat chip beyond Erich Burgener and into the far corner.

Switzerland: Burgener — Chapuisat, Brechbuehl, Montandon, Bizzini, Tanner (Wehrli 83), Barberis, Schnyder (Ponte 46), Elsener, Sulser, Botteron.

Holland: Schrijvers — Wildschut, Krol, Brandts, Hovenkamp (Dusbaba 35) — Poortvliet, Haan, W. Van der Kerkhof (Peters 35) — Nanninga, Geels, Rensenbrink.

Athens — EC group six

Greece 8 (Mavros 14, 39, 44, 74 pen, Nikoloudis 20, Delikaris 23, 47, Galakos 80)
Finland 1 (Heiskanen 60)
HT: 5-0. **Att:** 8,000.

Four-goal AEK man Tom Mavros was the hero, getting the first after a pass from Ardizoglu, the midfielder who kept control all the way, along with Delikaris and Nikoloudis. In the first half the Finns had only two shots, both from Ismail and both well saved by Constantinou but most of the action was at the other end. Ardizoglu laid on No 2 for Nikoloudis before Pallas broke down the wing and Delikaris headed another. Galakos laid on Mavros's second and the winger's hat-trick came after Alaja only parried his first shot. Mavros could have had a fourth just after the interval but his shot came off a post and Delikaris was following up to score. Mavros did make it four from a penalty after Tolsa fouled Semertzidis and Delikaris laid on the eighth for Galakos. In between Heiskanen scored the Finns' meagre consolation. It was a win which did wonders for the Greeks' goals column!

Greece: Constantinou — Kirastas, Ravousis, Firos, Pallas, Ardizoglu, Nikoloudis, Delikaris, Mitropoulos (Semertsidis 68), Galakos, Mavros (Ziakos 83).

Finland: Alaja — Vihtila, Salonen, Tolsa, Ranta — Jantunen, Heiskanen, Suomalainen (Kalle Nieminen 85) — Pyykko (Uimonen 30), Ismail, Jurki Nieminen.

Budapest — EC group six

Hungary 2 (Varadi 26, Szokolai 58)
Russia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Eschweiler (WG)

A blow for the Russians and some relief for Hungary, whose recall of Bela Varadi — he missed the World Cup because of injury — brought the desired result. The Hungarians had Kocsis back in defence for the veteran Balint, and in Bela Katzirz from Pecs a new goalkeeper. Blokhin wasted a couple of early chances for Russia before the Magyars countered and Varadi squeezed in an angled drive. Szokolai hit the second after a corner.

Hungary: Katzirz — Martos, Kocsis, Kereki, Lukacs — Pal, Tatar, Pinter — Szokolai (Gyimesi 84), J. Kovacs (Fekete 70), Varadi.

Russia: Degtyarev (Gontar 43) — Berezhnoi, Chupikov, Makhovikov, Bubnov — Bessonov, Buryak (Yartsev 65), Konkov, Khidiatulin — Gutsayev, Blokhin.

Bucharest

Rumania 1 (Iordanescu 23)
Poland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Jezov (Bul)

Rumania: Radacanu — Zamfir (Anghelini 43), Stefanescu, Mehdenitzu, Vigu — Romila, Boloni (Koller 65), Iordanescu — Crisan, Biro (Theres 46), Marcu.

Poland: Kukla — Szymanowski, Zmuda, Janas, Rudy — Cmikiewicz, Kupcewicz (Mazur 67), Ciolek — Lato, Malnwicz (Majewski 46), Kusto.

Prague

Czechoslovakia 3 (Stambacher 15, 63, Masny 53 pen)
W. Germany 4 (Abramczik 9, Bonhof 11, 37 pen, H. Müller 30)
HT: 1-4. **Att:** 30,000.

This revenge match for the 1976 European championship final — and a first for new German boss Jupp Derwall — was a sparkling piece of entertainment. Bonhof laid on the first for Abramczik, scored the second from a free kick and the fourth from a penalty, while Hansi Müller got the third from a free kick. The second half was a different story, with the Czechs battling back to 3-4 and finishing an inch from an equaliser as Nehoda's header in the 87th minute struck the bar with even the Germans' new captain, the brilliant Sepp Maier, beaten.

Czech: Michalik — Barmos, Vojacek, Ondrus, Gogh — Pollak (Kozak 46), Stambacher, Gajdusek (Panenka 62) — Masny, Kroupa (Rott 44), Nehoda.

W. Germany: Maier — Dietz, Förster, Zewe, Kaltz — Cullmann, Bonhof, H. Müller (Worm 71, Allofs 88) — Rummenigge, Fischer, Abramczik.

OCTOBER 25
Dublin — EC group one

Rep. Ireland 1 (Daly 27)
England 1 (Latchford 8)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Aldinger (WG)

Bob Latchford put England in command after Brooking's inswinging corner was headed on, but the advantage was brief, with the excellent Liam Brady curling over a free kick for Gerry Daly to equalise. In the closing stages only did England regain their grip and Steve Coppell, their most persistent forward, had a shot well pushed away by Mick Kearns.

Rep. Ireland: Kearns — Mulligan, Lawrenson, O'Leary (Gregg), Holmes — Daly, Brady, Grealish — McGee (Stapleton), Ryan, Givens.

England: Clemence — Neal, Watson (Thompson), Hughes, Mills — Wilkins, Brooking — Coppell, Keegan, Latchford, Barnes (Woodcock).

Belfast — EC group one

N. Ireland 2 (Spence 63, Anderson 85)
Denmark 1 (Jensen 51)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Haugen (Norway)

Denmark were without Borussia Moenchengladbach's Allan Simonsen, who had been injured playing in the Bundesliga and the Danes were soon in trouble. McIlroy and McCreery had 'goals' refused for offside in the first half before the Danes snatched a brief lead through Henning Jensen. Two substitutions turned the game. Spence, replacing Morgan, equalised after McIlroy headed on a Cochrane free kick. Then, after Spence had limped off, his substitute Anderson hit the winner from Gerry Armstrong's chip.

N. Ireland: Jennings — Rice, J. Nicholl, Hunter, Nelson — McCreery, McIlroy, O'Neill — Armstrong, Morgan (Spence, Anderson), Cochrane.

Denmark: Kjaer — P. Nielsen, Roentved, Larsen, Andersen — Rasmussen, C. Nielsen, Berg — Agerbeck, Jensen, Kristensen.

Glasgow — EC group two

Scotland 3 (Dalglish 30, 81, Gemmill 87 pen)
Norway 2 (E. Aas 3, Okland 64)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Vojtech (Czech)

Lucky Scotland! Jock Stein's reign as manager could hardly have begun in worse fashion, with Einar Aas heading home Mathisen's corner as Scotland's new goalkeeper Jim Stewart — he had played only half a game against Chile 18 months ago — argued with his defence. The Scots fought back and Jacobsen made fine saves from Gray and Graham before Dalglish headed the equaliser. Yet Mathisen broke away to set up Norway's second for Okland and it was appalling luck when Jacobsen fumbled Dalglish's shot from Gray's header to present an equaliser before Birkelund brought Graham down and Gemmill converted the penalty for a late winner.

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Scotland: Stewart — Donachie, McQueen, Buchan, F. Gray — Souness, Gemmill, Hartford — Dalglish, A. Gray, Graham.

Norway: Jacobsen — P. Pedersen, Kordahl, Birkelund, Grondalen — E. Aas, Johansen, T. Jacobsen — Thoresen, Okland, Mathisen.

Wrexham — EC group seven

Wales 7 (O. Sullivan 19, Edwards 22, 50, 53, Thomas 69, Flynn 72)

Malta 0

HT: 3-0. **Att:** 11,475. **Ref:** Petursen (Iceland)

So simple for Wales as Malta's goals-against column from 14 away matches in European and World competition reached 74 — all defeats. Ian Edwards of Chester, in his first full international and first appearance in a Wales shirt at home, had a field day. Poor Malta had defender Emmanuel Farrugia carried off as Edwards became only the third Welsh international to score four in one game. Edwards, 23, cost third division Chester £20,000 as a West Bromwich cast-off two years ago.

Bucharest — EC group three

Rumania 3 (Sames 62, 68, Iordanescu 75 pen)

Yugoslavia 2 (Petrovic 22 pen, Desnica 90)

HT: 0-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Lattanzi (It).

Yugoslavia's temporary boss Mladinic recalled Partizan goalkeeper Petar Borota, had his best player, Vladimir Petrovic, released from suspension, and for 45 minutes enjoyed the illusion of success with Petrovic scoring from the penalty spot after hands by Anghelini. However, the Rumanians, for whom Crisan had hit the bar after only nine minutes, equalised when Stefan Sames headed in a Dobrin centre, and the same pair provided the next goal. This time it was a Dobrin free kick which midfielder Sames turned in. Iordanescu converted a penalty after hands by Muzinic and though the deaf-mute Damir Desnica from Rijeka pulled one back it was far too late for the Slavs. Italian referee Lattanzi booked five men — Hadziabdic, Borota and Trifunovic of Yugoslavia, and Rumania's Iordanescu and Boloni.

Rumania: Radacanu — Anghelini, Stefanescu, Boloni, Vigu — Sames, Romila, Dobrin — Crisan, Iordanescu, Doru Nicolae (Radulescu).

Yugoslavia: Borota — Muzinic, Trifunovic (Rozic), Stojkovic, Hadziabdic — Cukrov, Petrovic, Surjak — Zungul (Desnica), Halilhodzic, Susic.

OCTOBER 29

Salonika — EC group six

Greece 4 (Galakos 59, 68, Ardizoglu 71, Mavros 89)

Hungary 1 (Martos 90)

Ht: 0-0. **Att:** 10,000.

After two days of heavy rain the Hungarians banked on defence and Greece, seeking their first-ever win over the Magyars, could find no way through. However, the half-time substitution of Damanakis for Delikaris did the trick. They looked far more menacing in the second half and after Katzirz fumbled a Mavros header, Galakos put the Greeks ahead. Galakos scored again after poor Katzirz dropped a drive from Ardizoglu, who rapped in the third. Galakos laid on the fourth for Mavros before Martos grabbed the Hungarians' sole score.

Greece: Constantinou — Xanthopoulos, Ravousis, Firos, Josifidis — Nikoloudis, Delikaris (Damanakis 46), Koudas, Ardizoglu (Mitropoulos 85) — Galakos, Mavros.

Hungary: Katzirz — Martos, Kocsis, Kereki, Lukacs — Zombori, Pal, Pinter — Szokolai (J. Kovacs 75), Tatar, Varadi.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP 1978-80

Group one: Denmark 1, England 2 — Denmark 2, Bulgaria 0. Group two: Belgium 4, Norway 0 — Portugal 0, Belgium 0 — Scotland 5, Norway 1. Group three: Spain 0, Yugoslavia 1. Group five: France 2, Sweden 1 — Sweden 0, Czechoslovakia 1. Group six: Finland 0, Greece 1 — Greece 0, Russia 3 — Greece 3, Finland 1. Group seven: Turkey 2, Hungary 3 — Hungary 1, Rumania 0.

Other internationals (July 1—Nov 5): Norway B 1, Austria B 3 — Internazionale 6, China 2 — W. Germany B 4, China 0 — W. Germany amateurs 2, China 1 — Internazionale 1, China 2 — Italy Military 2, China 2 — Roma 0, China 2 — Czechoslovak Olympic XI 2, W. Germany B 1 — Hungary 4, VSS Kosice 1 — E. Germany u-21 1, Rumania u-21 0 — Poland u-21 2, Russia u-21 1 — Marseille 0, U.S. 1 — Borussia Dortmund 4, U.S. 0 — Yugoslavia 3, Partizan Belgrade 1 — Sweden u-21 2, Denmark u-21 0.

A goal for Real Madrid against Grasshoppers in Madrid. Real won 3-1 but lost on aggregate to the Swiss Club.

Club matches

THERE must be a new name on the Champions' Cup after the dismissal of Real Madrid by Grasshoppers Zurich.

And while at the season's start few people would have given much for Glasgow Rangers' chances of adding to their single Cup-winners' trophy with the most prestigious award of all, their victories over Juventus and now PSV Eindhoven push them among the favourites.

Along with Madrid's dismissal, the other major second round shock was the elimination of Dynamo Kiev — Oleg Blokhin and all — by Bob Houghton's Malmoe — though Blokhin was carried off injured during the decisive 2-0 second leg defeat.

In the Cup-winners' Cup there remains one previous winner in Magdeburg, while holders Anderlecht went out in depressing form to Barcelona. After a first leg battle in Brussels — which included a dope test controversy — the Belgians led 3-0. But Barcelona turned that round in Spain — they make a speciality of pulling back three goals in Europe — and won the penalty contest 4-1. Anderlecht had Hugo Broos sent off.

Ipswich also had an unpleasant war in Austria with Innsbruck, with five players being booked and Paul Mariner being sent off before they squeezed through after extra time.

The UEFA Cup remains wide open, with any one of England's three survivors hopeful. The only ones who didn't make it to the third round were Everton, beaten on the away goals rule by Dukla Prague — and that after becoming the first team to beat Liverpool in the league!

There was more trouble, however, in two games featuring English sides. Manchester City had Gary Owen sent off in Liege, while three men — Liam Brady, Krsticevic and Muzinic — were sent off in Arsenal's second leg win over Hajduk Split.

Internazionale's Sandro Altobelli was the only hat-trick merchant, in their first leg win over Bodoe Glimt, while the highest crowd was the 95,000 who saw Barcelona turn the tables on Anderlecht. The worst attendance was the 870 who saw Palloseura Kuopio lose 2-0 to Esbjerg in Mikkeli in the UEFA Cup first legs.

CHAMPIONS' CUP

Second round, first leg

(All played October 18)

AEK Athens 1 (Tassos 59 pen)

Nottingham Forest 2 (McGovern 10, Birtles 44)

HT: 0-2. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Wurtz (France)

A dressing room row beforehand between AEK manager Ferenc Puskas and his midfield veteran Mimi Domazos cost AEK dear. Domazos refused to play, Puskas called up veteran Uruguayan Milton Viera — he played against England in the 1966 opener — and Viera was in such a cussed mood that he knocked down Kenny Burns after only 21 minutes and was sent off. Any Greek hopes of battling back into contention — John McGovern had put Forest ahead already — were virtually gone now they were down to 10 men. Garry Birtles put Forest two-up before the interval and though the Greeks found some cohesion in the second half and threatened occasionally through Tom Mavros — scorer of four goals against Finland the week before — all they had to show was a Tassos penalty after Burns brought down Mavros. Both Tassos and Burns were booked — Burns's booking being his second of the competition and ruling him out of the return.

FK Austria 4 (Gasselich 25 and 34, R. Sara 36, Schachner 65)

Lillestrom 1 (Dokker 83)

HT: 3-0. **Att:** 24,000. **Ref:** Galler (Swz)

Bohemians 0

Dynamo Dresden 0

Att: 6,000. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel). **Played at Dundalk**

UEFA reduced the distance Bohemians had to travel because of the ban on their own home, but little good it did them. Dresden, with five current East German internationals, were generally in control even if they appeared short on ideas in attack. They might have had a penalty after 61 minutes when John McCormack handled a shot from Hartmut Schade in the box, but the referee let play continue. In the closing minutes Lawless headed a Weber shot off the line.

Zbrojovka Brno 2 (Pesice 73 pen, Kroupa 78)

Wisla Krakow 2 (Kmiecik 38, Maculewicz 85)

HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Azim-zade (Russia)

Dynamo Kiev 0

Malmoe FF 0

Att: 45,000. **Ref:** Daina (Swz)

Goalkeeper Jan Moller was the Swedish hero with fine saves from Onishenko, Besonov and Blokhin.

Glasgow Rangers 0

PSV Eindhoven 0

Att: 44,000. **Ref:** Rion (Bel)

PSV gambled on the fitness of Willy Van der Kuylen, but he had to go off after quarter of an hour because of hamstring trouble, and Rangers nearly took advantage of the PSV reshuffle to score, with Alec MacDonald sending a long shot just wide. MacDonald came close again with a volley, but PSV's defensive solidity gave the Scots few chances and the Dutch might have

scored in the 40th minute. Gerrie Deyckers's header was on target, but Alec Forsyth headed off the goal-line. After the interval Harry Lubse wasted a close-range heading chance, but it was Rangers who came nearer getting a goal when Tonnie Van Engelen was forced to fine saves from Bobby Russell and Gordon Smith. PSV lost the injured Willy Van der Kerkhof midway through the second half.

Real Madrid 3 (Juanito 5, Garcia Hernandez 65, Santillana 77)
Grasshoppers 1 (Sulser 59)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Vautrot (France)

Two of Madrid's goals came from headers — those of the dangerous Juanito and Santillana — while the other was scored by a substitute, Garcia Hernandez having appeared for San Jose. Madrid were handicapped by the absences through injury of Danish striker Henning Jensen and West German midfield dynamo Uli Stielike.

Lok. Sofia 0
1st FC Köln 1 (Zimmermann 58)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Beck (Holland)

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Second round, first leg
(All played October 18)

Anderlecht 3 (Van der Elst 19 and 67, Coeck 48)
Barcelona 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 38,000. **Ref:** Lattanzi (Italy)

Battles on and off the field, first between the players then with the local police department's drugs squad. Accusation and counter-accusation flew after the game with each side blaming the other for the rough stuff which left most players battered and bruised. "If Barcelona want a war in the return then they can have it!" warned Anderlecht manager Raymond Goethals, highly upset despite the margin of victory which promised the holders a place in the quarter finals despite the second half expulsion of Danish forward Benny Nielsen for retaliation.

There were remarkable scenes in the dressing rooms afterwards as the heavy mob plunged in, claimed they were acting under a UEFA edict, and tried to enforce, with police warrants, the taking of urine samples. Anderlecht were about to comply when they discovered that Barcelona had refused. In the end no tests were taken, though Anderlecht officials were duly cautioned that such a refusal could, under a 1965 Belgian law, leave the objectors open to maximum sentences of three months in prison!

Banik Ostrava 3 (Knapp 5, Radimec 30, Rygel 57)
Shamrock Rovers 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 10,500. **Ref:** Bucek (Austria)

This was Banik's eighth successive league and European game without conceding a goal and they dominated throughout against the Irish whose player-boss Johnny Giles came on as sub in the 30th min. but went off at the interval. Knapp hit in a Sreiner corner, then Radimec headed No 2. Rygel hammered the third past veteran ex-West Brom goalkeeper John Osborne from the edge of the penalty box. Shamrock had only two shots in the first half and none in the second. Osborne was booked after only six minutes for time-wasting. Banik's Vojacek for a foul.

Fortuna Düsseldorf 3 (Günter 15, 58, Zimmermann 81)
Aberdeen 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,500. **Ref:** Thime (Norway)

Straightforward for Fortuna, apart from the moment just after the start of the second half when Gerd Zewe had to clear off the line from Harper. Zimmermann's decisive third goal came direct from a free kick.

Internazionale 5 (Beccalossi 25, Altobelli 57, 60, 86, Muraro 88)
Bodoe Glimt 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Bonnett (Malta)
Ipswich 1 (Wark 60 pen)
SSW Innsbruck 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,394. **Ref:** Lamo Castillo (Spain)

Ipswich had most of the play but found the Austrians well organised. Trevor Whymark saw a shot deflected out of danger in the 10th minute and then Paul Mariner volleyed too high, before Whymark forced Friedd Konelia to a good save in the 31st minute. Three minutes later he dived bravely at the feet of Brian Talbot to foil another raid. Hanschitz wasted a chance in an early second-half breakaway, but Ipswich finally scored through John Wark's penalty after Werner Schwarz handled as Talbot moved through. Koncilia made more fine stops from Wark and Whymark which earned him the luck of the 87th minute, when Russell Osman's shot rebounded into his arms off a post.

Magdeburg 1 (Streich 67)
Ferencvaros 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Anderco (Russia)
Nogometni Rijeka 0
Beveren 0
Att: 9,000. **Ref:** Lagoyannis (Greece)
Servette 2 (Hamberg 27, Barberis 59)
Nancy 1 (Rubio 40)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 23,000. **Ref:** Christov (Czech)

UEFA CUP
Second round, first leg
(All October 18, except where stated)

Levsky-Spartak Sofia 1 (Milkhov 12)
AC Milan 1 (Chiodi 11)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Linemayr (Austria)
Played Oct 19
IBV Vestmannaer 0
Slask Wroclaw 2 (Kwitakowski 61, Hallgrimsson own goal 73)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Byrne (Rep. Ire). Played Oct 21, Reykjavik
Ajax Amsterdam 1 (Lerby 22)
Lausanne 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:**25,000. **Ref:** Lipatov (Russia)
Arges Pitesti 2 (Dobrin 10, Moiceanu 72)
Valencia 1 (Saura 27)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Homewood (Eng)
Benfica 0
Borussia Mg 0
Att: 46,000. **Ref:** Corver (Holland)
SC Braga 0
West Bromwich 2 (Regis 50 and 51)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Frickel (WG)

Braga were, because of injury, unfortunately without Angolan centre forward Chico Gordo, and though 19-year-old Lito, also from Angola, was a lively thorn in the Albion side, it was 17 minutes before Braga got in a serious shot, and then Fernando's effort was competently stopped by Tony Godden. Albion began to gain the measure of the Portuguese and, after forcing three quick corners, Regis hit a 25-yard drive just over the bar. Goalkeeper Conhe made a brilliant save from skipper John Wile in the 33rd minute after a Len Cantello free kick but Wile might have conceded a goal at the other end. Just before half-time he appeared to handle in clearing from Lito, but the referee waved aside Braga's penalty claims. Finally Albion sealed the match and probably the tie after the interval in a 90-second burst. First Tony and Ally Brown were the creators for Regis, the second time it was Ally Brown who laid through the pass which the French Guiana-born coloured spearhead put away. Cantello was booked for dissent in the 77th minute.

Carl Zeiss Jena 0
MSV Duisburg 0
Att: 18,000. **Ref:** Toka (Turkey)

Carl Zeiss did most of the attacking, but MSV might have scored twice in breakaways led by Kurt Jara and Bernard Dietz.

Everton 2 (Latchford 19, King 79)
Dukla Praha 1 (Macela 87)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 32,857. **Ref:** Garrido (Portugal)

Everton were soon ahead when Bob Latchford took the ball off Mudek Macela's toes and went in to beat Karel Stromsik but Andy King (twice) and Mick Walsh should have matched his finishing accuracy. Only a swerving free kick after 12 minutes from Miroslav Gajdusek troubled Everton goalkeeper George Wood in the first half as Everton dominated. A Mick Lyons shot flew just too high after the interval and it wasn't until the 79th minute that King scored a second from close range. Everton seemed to be well placed, but with three minutes to go Macela scrambled the ball past Wood after another neat Gajdusek free kick. Everton's Ross and Dukla's Rott were both booked.

Gijon 0
Red Star Belgrade 1 (Blagojevic 85)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,500. **Ref:** Carpenter (Rep. Ire)
Hajduk Split 2 (Cop 13, Djordjevic 39)
Arsenal 1 (Brady 16)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 27,500. **Ref:** Dörflinger (Swz)

Liam Brady had a hand in both first goals. His miscued back pass let in Slavisa Zungul to supply Cop with a short cross to head Hajduk's opener, then Brady himself fooled Split goalkeeper Cosic with a drifting cross which ended up in the net. Djordjevic's winner came in similar fashion, with Zungul wasting the best chance of the game in the 84th. Presented with the ball by Sammy Nelson he ran through, only for Jennings to dive bravely at his feet.

Hertha W. Berlin 2 (Nüssing 42, Granitza 83)
Dynamo Tbilisi 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Vlajic (Yug)
Honved 4 (Weimper 5 and 88, Gyimesi 81, Pinter 84)
Politecnica Timisoara 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Tsanakidis (Greece)
Palloseura Kupio 0
Esbjerg 2 (Bach 12, Nielsen 18)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 870. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG)
Played at Mikkeli
Manchester City 4 (Hartford 13, Kidd 85 pen and 87, Palmer 89)
Standard Liege 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 27,498. **Ref:** Rainea (Rum)

Three goals in the last five minutes stunned the Belgians and left City virtually certain of a place in the third round. England man Peter Barnes was the hero. It was his cross which Theo Poel handled to provide Brian Kidd with the penalty, it was Barnes who provided the cross for Kidd's next goal and it was Barnes yet again who set up Palmer's effort. Standard went home feeling extremely hard done by, for after Asa Hartford's goal they had settled down to defend with composure. Manager Robert Waseige claimed they should have had a penalty for a trip on Ausgeir Sirgurvinsson. Standard goalkeeper Michel Preud'homme was briefly knocked unconscious in colliding with a post while saving just before half-time, but he couldn't be blamed for any of the goals.

Strasbourg 2 (Gemmrich 21, Piasecki 60 pen)
Hibernian 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Kuli (Hungary)
Torpedo Moscow 2 (Vasiliev 2, Saxharsov 62)
Stuttgart 1 (D. Hoeness 27)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** R. Ericsson (Sweden)

CHAMPIONS' CUP
Second round, second legs
(All November 1)

Dynamo Dresden 6 (Trautmann 39, 58, Dörner 41, Schmuck 48, Riekel 60 pen, Kotte 75 pen)
Bohemians 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Amundsen (Denmark)
Dynamo 6-0 on agg

Dresden hero was 19-year-old Andreas Trautmann, playing his first European match, and who broke the deadlock after a goalmouth scramble shortly before half-time. After further goals from Hans-Jürgen Dörner and Udo Schmuck Trautmann scored his second after being sent in by Peter Kotte. The Irish started losing their tempers and there was one minor punch-up for referee Olef Amundsen to sort out before Bohemians' valiant goalkeeper, Mike Smith, was beaten by two penalties which took the score to six.

Grasshoppers Zurich 2 (Sulser 9 and 88)
Real Madrid 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 26,000. **Ref:** Prokop (EG)
Grasshoppers on away goal – 3-3 agg

Madrid's elimination on the away goal meant that this season there is bound to be a new name on the Cup. Claudio Sulser, scorer of that all-important goal in Spain, was again the 'Hoppers' hero. Madrid's Stielike was again absent through injury.

1st FC Köln 4 (D. Muller 19, 79, Van Gool 54, Glowacz 73)
Lok. Sofia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 18,500. **Ref:** Partridge (Eng)
Köln 5-0 on agg
Lillestrom 0
FK Austria 0
Att: 5,500. **Ref:** Viktor (Luxembourg)
FK Austria 4-1 on agg
Malmoe FF 2 (Cervin 9, Kinnvall 39)
Dynamo Kiev 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 13,600. **Ref:** Hunting (Eng)
Malmoe 2-0 on agg

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Newcomer Jan-Olof Kinnvall, only 18, was again the Swedish hero, after scoring a decisive goal against Monaco in the first round. This time, in the surprise defeat of the Soviet champions, it was after a defender blocked his drive on the line that Tore Cervin headed the first goal, and Kinnvall hit the second himself after a Bo Larsson corner. Kiev's Oleg Blokhin was carried off injured.

Nottingham Forest 5 (Needham 12, Woodcock 36, Anderson 40, Birtles 66, 75)
AEK Athens 1 (Bajevic 50)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 30,069. **Ref:** U. Ericsson (Sweden)
Forest 7-2 on agg

The greatest speculation surrounding this tie was not whether Forest would win — after the first leg that was a foregone conclusion — but whether second division Sunderland might succeed in luring away manager Brian Clough. Larry Lloyd captained Forest in the absence of injured John McGovern and that was another story — for much of the two weeks since the AEK first leg had been taken up with a dispute between player and management over the fact that Lloyd hadn't worn his club blazer on the trip home from Athens. The football was almost incidental, but Forest were easy winners even though Mimi Domazos did consent to turn out for the Greeks this time. Both first goals from Dave Needham and Tony Woodcock were headers as was Garry Birtles's second. But at least AEK succeeded where Liverpool failed, and managed to take a goal off a Forest defence without the suspended Kenny Burns. Mavros, their most dangerous raider, set it up for Yugoslav spearhead Bajevic.

PSV Eindhoven 2 (Lubse 1, Deyckers 60)
Glasgow Rangers 3 (MacDonald 57, Johnstone 66, Russell 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Palotai (Hungary)
Rangers 3-2 on agg

An astonishing win for Rangers, who were expected to be little more than sleeping partners in a night of triumph for PSV and their World Cup men. The Scots fought back strongly after an immediate setback and were worthy winners. It was PSV's first home defeat in Europe and Rangers' manager John Greig, who should know, described this as "our best in Europe." It wasn't plain sailing. Goalkeeper Peter McCloy had been ill and spent the afternoon before the game in bed and was beaten in the first minute as Lubse scored after Tom Forsyth's headed clearance to Willie Janssen's cross. Rangers forged forward and troubled Tonnie Van Engelen — deputising for injured Jan Van Beveren — several times while Deyckers shot over at the other end. PSV seemed unconcerned that Rangers needed only one goal to be ahead on the away goal rule, and that score arrived when Alex MacDonald ran in to head home a Tommy McLean chip. Their joy was short-lived, for Deyckers put PSV back ahead before another Scottish recovery saw Kenny Watson ram in a McLean free kick, and Derek Johnstone added the finishing touch. Johnstone then switched back into defence as PSV raced forward, Willie Van der Kerkhof had a 'goal' refused for offside and MacDonald (foul), Parlane and Alec Forsyth (time-wasting) were booked in the holding operation before Bobby Russell sealed matters, again thanks to McLean.

Wisla Krakow 1 (Kapka 54)
Zbrojovka Brno 1 (Dosek 79)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Parmakov (Bulgaria)
Wisla on away goals – 3-3 agg

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Second round, second legs
(All Nov 1, except where stated)

Bodoe Glimt 1 (Hansen 40)
Internazionale 2 (Altobelli 44 pen, Scandani 56)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,500. **Ref:** Foote (Scot). Played Oct 25
Inter 7-1 on agg

Aberdeen 2 (McLelland 54, Jarvie 57)
Fortuna Düsseldorf 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,800. **Ref:** Dias Correia (Portugal)
Fortuna 3-2 on agg

A mixture of bad luck and over-hasty finishing cost Aberdeen the chance of crowning a spirited fightback with a place in the quarter finals. In a hectic opening 20 minutes they forced nine corners, had a penalty claim rejected and Woyke saved well from Sullivan and Archibald. A rare volley by Klaus Allofs was all the West Germans had to show in the first half, and the Scots stormed ahead with two goals in a three-minute burst in the second half. Full back McLelland made the breakthrough, a Sullivan cross having been headed on by Archibald, and then Drew Jarvie hit another after a Scanlon corner. Jarvie missed one chance. Woyke stopped another effort from Archibald and Fortuna were through — just.

Barcelona 3 (Krankl 8, Heredia 44, Zuviria 86)
Anderlecht 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 95,000. **Ref:** Eschweiler (WG)
Barcelona 4-1 on pens – 3-3 on agg

Barcelona produced yet another recovery from 3-0 down to catch the Belgian holders shortly before the end, and win on penalties. But plenty of bad feeling remained from the first leg battle and Anderlecht defender Hugo Broos was sent off in the 75th minute. Jean Thissen was the only Belgian to make a penalty count and Barcelona knew they were through when Johan Neeskens blasted their fourth kick past Nico De Bree.

Beveren 2 (Boecke 20 and 65)
Nogometni Rijeka 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Perry (N. Ire)
Beveren 2-0 on agg

Ferencvaros 2 (Pusztai 9, Szokolai 26)
Magdeburg 1 (Stahmann 4)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Ok (Turkey)
Magdeburg on away goal – 2-2 agg

SSW Innsbrück 1 (Oberacher 75)
Ipswich 1 (Burley 100)
HT: 0-0. **90 min:** 1-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Jarguz (Poland)
Ipswich 2-1 on agg after extra time

A bad-tempered match saw Ipswich continue in the Cup-winners' Cup despite the expulsion of England centre forward Paul Mariner in the closing minutes. Ipswich's rough tackling resulted in further bookings for John Wark, David Geddis, Eric Gates, Mick Mills and Les Tibbott. But there wasn't that much for them to be so concerned about since it wasn't until the 40th minute that the Austrians came near a goal when Oberacher shot over after Ipswich fell over themselves trying to clear an Allan Hunter back pass. Finally Hanschitz created the Oberacher goal which sent the tie into extra time and it was after George Burley scored his first goal of the season that the climactic explosions came with reserves and officials from both sides caught up in scuffling after the Mariner expulsion. Mariner, having been booked for dissent earlier, was sent off for time-wasting after running the ball into the net when the referee had blown for offside. Ipswich manager Bobby Robson claimed Mariner thought he had scored a legitimate goal.

Nancy 2 (Zenier 67 pen, Umpierrez 88)
Servette 2 (Elia 66, Schnyder 75)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 21,000. **Ref:** Manojlovski (Yug)
Servette 4-3 on agg

Johan Neeskens of Barcelona scores against Anderlecht in the European Cup Winners Cup tie in Spain. Barcelona won 3-0.

Shamrock Rovers 1 (Giles 59)
Banik Ostrava 3 (Licka 37 and 66, Albrecht 46)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Keizer (Holland)
Banik 6-1 on agg

It was easy for Banik and Shamrock signalled their prospective surrender by not bothering to call over John Osborne to keep goal. Reserve David Henderson was beaten by Licka the first time after a fine move involving Antalik, which ended any faint dreams. Ray Treacy in the 15th minute let a chance slip after neat work by 16-year-old Richie Bayly. Shamrock's brilliant discovery, but Milan Albrecht made up for an unlucky miss in the 32nd minute when he scored with a chip immediately after half-time. Shamrock boss Johnny Giles pulled one back with a free kick which skidded off the defensive wall and sent Pavel Michalik the wrong way, but only a few minutes later Sreiner sent Licka away for Banik's third.

UEFA CUP
Second round, second leg
(All November 1, unless stated)

Arsenal 1 (Young 63)
Hajduk Split 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 41,757. **Ref:** Michelotti (Italy)
Arsenal on away goal – 2-2 agg

All the action came in the last quarter of an hour after the skilful but rugged Yugoslavs had made Arsenal struggle for the one goal to earn a place in the third round. Krsticevic and Liam Brady had niggled their way round the pitch throughout the match and their duel came to a climax in the 75th minute after an off the ball scuffle which earned a red card apiece. Krsticevic had earlier been booked for arguing and there had also been cautions for Luketin and Muzinic — Muzinic was also sent off in the 89th minute after insulting a linesman. By that time it was all over for Hajduk, thanks to Willie Young's speculative chip which beat Ivan Budincevic — a reserve goalkeeper forced into duty for his first game of the season. While Arsenal were maybe lucky not to have conceded penalties when Pat Rice and David O'Leary floored Slavissa Zungul once in each half. Steve Gatting volleyed against the bar early on. Arsenal were without the injured Malcolm Macdonald and Alan Sunderland.

Dukla Praha 1 (Gajdusek 81)
Everton 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Aldinger (WG)
Dukla on away goal – 2-2 agg

Everton had become the first team to inflict a League defeat on Liverpool the previous Saturday, but the Czechs never gave them such a chance to dominate in similar fashion. From the start Dukla thrust forward and though Geoff Nulty wasted one gilt-edged chance in the 35th minute after Karel Stromsik dropped a cross, Dukla were otherwise barely challenged. "After the first half I knew we could do it, so I just told my players not to lose their heads but keep on playing an accurate attacking game," said Dukla boss Jaroslav Vejvoda later. Everton's first defeat in 18 games was signed by Miroslav Gajdusek. Dave Thomas, back helping in defence, failed to clear a free kick and Gajdusek cut in

from the right to beat George Wood with a drive into the far corner. "We lost it in the first leg when we wasted so many chances," said Wood, who had conceded only his eighth goal of the season.

Dynamo Tbilisi 1 (Shengelya 57)
Hertha W. Berlin 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Vlajic (Yug).
Hertha 2-1 on agg

Esbjerg 4 (Berthelsen 10, Iversen 25, Oestergaard 59 pen, Bach 60)
Palloseura Kupio 1 (Loikkanen 79)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 4,900. **Ref:** Gudmundsson (Iceland).
Esbjerg 6-1 on agg

Hibernian 1 (McLeod 64 pen)
Strasbourg 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 14,662. **Ref:** Scheurell (EG)
Strasbourg 2-1 on agg

Willie Murray wasted three fine first half chances before Ally McLeod finally converted the penalty after being fouled, which provided Hibs with poor reward for all their pressure. For Strasbourg Wagner and Gemmrich were always threatening in counterattacks.

Lausanne 0
Ajax Amsterdam 4 (Erkens 10, Clarke 13 and 82, Arnesen 37)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Doudine (Bulgaria).
Ajax 5-0 on agg

AC Milan 3 (Maldera 13, Bigon 40, Chiodi 74)
Levsky-Spartak 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Mattson (Sweden)
Milan 4-1 on agg

MSV Duisburg 3 (Dietz 97, Jara 107, Fruck 118)
Carl Zeiss Jena 0
HT: 0-0. **90 min:** 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** McGinlay (Scot)
MSV 3-0 on agg after extra time

Politechnica Timisoara 2 (Rosca 51, Paltinisan 89)
Honved 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Stupar (Russia)
Honved 4-2 on agg

VfB Stuttgart 2 (H. Müller 61, Volkert 71)
Torpedo Moscow 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 63,500. **Ref:** Franco Martinez (Spain)
Stuttgart 3-2 on agg

Standard Liege 2 (Sigurvinsson 63 and 85 pen)
Manchester City 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Wöhrer (Austria)
Man. City 4-2 on agg

City spoilt an otherwise cool performance when Gary Owen was sent off for retaliation a couple of minutes from the end. It spelled trouble for the midfielder who had already missed one UEFA club game this season because of a double booking. Joe Corrigan saved City in the first half when Portuguese forward Luis De Matos had two chances, then Standard went ahead through a 25-yard Ausgeir Sigurvinsson free kick after the break. Sigurvinsson scored from a penalty for a second goal after hands by Mike Channon — but City were through, even without Owen.

Valencia 5 (Kempes 34 and 40, Bonhof 60, Saura 71, Solsona 80)
Arges Pitesti 2 (Moiceanu 46, Doru Nicolae 75)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Belgium)
Valencia 6-4 on agg

West Bromwich Albion 1 (A. Brown 46)
Sporting Braga 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 26,019. **Ref:** Kuston (Poland)
WBA 3-0 on agg

Braga were without four senior players because of injury and arrived with the limited ambition of keeping down the score. That, allied to a lack of urgency about West Brom, kept the victory margin to a minimum. Cyrille Regis set up the winner for Ally Brown, but Braga claimed in vain near the end that a snap shot from Jose Artur had crossed the line when it bounced down from the bar.

Slask Wroclaw 2 (Nocko 11, Kwiatkowski 65)
IVB Vestmannaer 1 (Hulligrimsson 29)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Wencl (Czech). Played Nov 2
Slask 4-1 on agg

Borussia Mg 2 (Bruns 94 pen, Klinkhammer 119)
Benefica 0
HT: 0-0. **90 mins:** 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Thomas (Wales)
Played Oct 31
Borussia 2-0 on agg after extra time

Referee Clive Thomas sent off a second Benfica player in two rounds as the Portuguese went down in extra time. Seven Portuguese players were also booked, while Thomas reported Benfica boss John Mortimore for coming on the pitch after he awarded the extra-time penalty. But Thomas did concede that Mortimore's action in calming his players saved two from expulsion.

Red Star Belgrade 1 (Petrovic 82)
Gijon 1 (Borovnica own goal 21)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 57,500. **Ref:** Konrath (France)
Red Star 2-1 on agg

South America

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
(Libertadores Cup)
Semi-final group A
September 24

ATLETICO MINEIRO (Brazil) (1) 1 (Marcelo)
BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (1) 2 (Bordon 2)

Mineiro: Joao Leite, Alves, Marcio, Vantuir, Romero, Cerezo, Danival, Paulo Isidoro, Marinho (Campos), Marcelo, Ziza.

Boca Juniors: Santos, Pernia, Sa, Mouzo, Bordon, Zanabria (Squeo), Suñe, Salinas, Mastrangelo (Alvarez), Veglio, Perotti.

Att: 50,000

September 28

RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (1) 1 (J. Lopez)
ATLETICO MINEIRO (Brazil) (0) 0

River Plate: Fillol, Saporiti, Perfumo, Passarella, H. Lopez, J. Lopez, Merlo, Alonso, Gonzalez, Luque, Ortiz.

At. Mineiro: Leite, Alves (sent off 60m), Marcio, Vantuir, Romero, Danival (Geraldo), Cerezo, Paulo Isidoro, Marinho (Hilton Bruins), Marcelo, Ziza.

Att: 40,000

October 3

BOCCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (1) 3 (Modesto o.g., Mastrangelo, Salinas)
ATLETICO MINEIRO (Brazil) (1) 1 (Marinho)

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Pernia, Sa, Mouzo, Bordon, Salinas, Suñe, Zanabria, Mastrangelo, Veglio (G. Alvarez), Perotti.

At. Mineiro: Leite, Marcio, Modesto, Vantuir, Romero, Danival, Cerezo, Paulo Isidoro, Marinho, Marcelo, Ziza (Marzinho).

October 8

ATLETICO MINEIRO (Brazil) (0) 1 (Marinho)
RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (0) 0

Atletico Mineiro: Leite, Alves, Marcio, Vantuir, Romero (Hilton Bruins), Danival (Geraldo), Cerezo, Paulo Isidoro, Marinho, Campos, Ziza.

River Plate: Fillol, Comelles, Perfumo, Passarella, H. Lopez, J. Lopez, Merlo, Alonso (Marchetti), Gonzalez, Luque, Ortiz.

October 17

RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (0) 0
BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) (0) 2 (Mastrangelo, Salinas)

River Plate: Fillol, Saporiti (sent off 74m), Perfumo, Passarella, H. Lopez, J. Lopez, Merlo (sent off 78m), Marchetti, Gonzalez, Luque, Ortiz.

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Pernia, Sa, Mouzo, Bordon, Benitez, Suñe, Zanabria, Mastrangelo, Salinas, Perotti (Veglio).

Semi-final group A
Final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bocca Juniors (Argentina)	4	3	1	0	7	2	7
River Plate (Argentina)	4	1	1	2	1	3	3
At. Mineiro (Brazil)	4	1	0	3	3	6	2

(Winner qualifies for final)

Semi-final group B
September 20

DEPORTIVO CALI (Colombia) (2) 3 (Scotta, Torres, Benitez pen.)
ALIANZA LIMA (Peru) (2) 2 (La Rosa, Velazquez)

Dep. Cali: Zape, Ospina, Caicedo, Escobar, Castro, Valverde, Landucci, Umaña, Torres, Scotta, Benitez.

Alianza: Gonzalez Candoa, Duarte, Rojas, Cueto, Castillo, Olaechea, Velazquez, Cubillas, Ravello, Sotil, La Rosa.

October 4

CERRO PORTEÑO (Paraguay) (2) 3 (E. Gimenez, Florentin, Battaglia)
ALIANZA LIMA (Peru) (0) 1 (Sotil)

Cerro Porteño: A. Gimenez, Rodriguez, Ovelar, Carmona, Insfran, Florentin, Gualterio Gonzalez, Gerardo Gonzalez, Battaglia, E. Gimenez, Fernandez (Perrou, then Carballero).

Alianza: Caceres, Duarte, Salguero, Aliaga, Rojas (Peña), Cueto, Velazquez, Olaechea, La Rosa, Sotil, Ravello.

Att: 25,000

October 14

ALIANZA LIMA (Peru) (0) 1 (La Rosa)
DEPORTIVO CALI (Colombia) (1) 4 (Scotta 2, Otero, Villalba)

Alianza: Caceres, Duarte, Olaechea, Salguero, Peña, Velazquez (Aliaga), Cueto, Cubillas, Perales (Ravello), Sotil, La Rosa.

Dep. Cali: Zape, Ospina, Caicedo, Castro, Escobar, Landucci, Umaña (Ruiz Moreno), Valverde, Otero, Scotta, Villalba.

Att: 12,500

October 18

CERRO PORTEÑO (Paraguay) (0) 0
DEP. CALI (Colombia) (1) 4 (Scotta 2, Benitez 2)

Cerro Porteño: A. Gimenez, Rodriguez, Carmona, Ovelar, Insfran, Florentin, Gerardo Gonzalez, E. Gimenez, Battaglia, A. Gonzalez, Fernandez.

Dep. Cali: Zaspe, Ospina, Caicedo, Escobar, Correa, Landucci, Valverde, Umaña, Otero, Scotta, Benitez.

Semi-final group B
Final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Deportivo Cali (Colombia)	4	3	1	0	12	4	7
Cerro Porteño (Paraguay)	4	1	1	2	4	9	3
Alianza Lima (Peru)	4	1	0	3	7	10	2

(Winners qualify for final)

League Tables

ARGENTINA
Metropolitan First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boca Juniors	37	18	12	7	54	43	48
Quilmes	36	18	10	8	44	37	46
Union Santa Fe	36	17	11	8	51	34	45
Argentinos Juniors	36	16	10	10	61	47	42
Newell's Old Boys	36	13	16	7	50	31	42
San Lorenzo	36	14	13	9	42	37	41
River Plate	36	14	12	10	54	43	40
Independiente	36	13	13	10	50	48	39
Racing	36	14	10	12	53	42	38
Gimnasia La Plata	36	11	16	9	36	37	38
Rosario Central	36	11	15	10	35	25	37
Colon Santa Fe	36	13	9	14	56	53	35
Atlanta	37	9	17	11	44	50	35
Huracan	36	11	12	13	44	38	34
Estudiantes La Plata	36	12	9	15	52	44	33
Velez Sarsfield	36	9	14	13	33	38	32
All Boys	36	9	11	16	29	48	29
Chacarita Juniors	36	10	9	17	36	62	29
Banfield	37	7	14	16	40	51	28
Platense	37	6	14	17	37	58	26
Estudiantes BA	36	6	11	19	37	60	23

BRAZIL
Carioca Championship
(First round final standings — Guanabara Cup)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Flamengo	11	7	3	1	29	6	17
Fluminense	11	8	1	2	26	9	17
Botafogo	11	6	5	0	22	10	17
Vasco da Gama	11	5	5	1	19	9	15
America	11	4	5	2	12	7	13
Sao Cristovao	11	5	3	3	11	16	13
Bonsucesso	11	2	5	4	10	16	9
Madureira	11	3	2	6	10	12	8
Bangu	11	3	2	6	4	14	8
Portuguesa	11	2	3	6	8	18	7
Olaria	11	0	5	6	2	15	5
Campo Grande	11	0	3	8	3	24	3

Sao Paulo League

Group A: 1. Santos, Ponte Preta 20pts; 3. Paulista 13; 4. Noreste 12; 5. Portugueza Santista 6. **Group B:** 1. Sao Paulo 23; 2. Portugueza Desportos 14; 3. Rancaria, Juventus 12; 5. XV de Piracicaba 8. **Group C:** 1. Guarani 21; 2. Corintians 19; 3. Comercial 16; 4. Sao Bento 13; 5. Marilia 11. **Group D:** 1. Palmeiras 20; 2. XV de Jau 14; 3. America, Botafogo 12; 5. Ferroviaria 7.

Minas Gerais Championship

1. America 13 pts; 2. Cruzeiro, Dalderse, Atletico Mineiro 11; 5. Araxa 9.

LEAGUE TABLES

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Porto	9	5	3	1	13	4	13
Benfica	9	6	0	3	13	6	12
Sporting	9	5	2	2	13	6	12
Braga	9	5	1	3	14	8	11
Barreirense	9	5	1	3	11	6	11
Guimaraes	9	5	1	3	14	9	11
Varzim	9	4	3	2	12	10	11
Belenenses	9	5	0	3	17	12	10
Estoril	9	3	3	3	8	10	9
Famalicao	9	2	4	3	5	9	8
Boavista	9	3	1	5	8	10	7
Academico Coimbra	8	2	2	4	5	10	6
Maritimo Funchal	9	2	2	5	8	14	6
Setubal	9	2	2	5	7	13	6
Beira-Mar	9	2	1	6	9	19	5
Viseu	9	2	0	7	3	15	4

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	9	5	4	0	20	11	14
Athletic Bilbao	9	5	3	1	15	5	13
Barcelona	9	5	1	3	15	8	11
Atletico Madrid	9	4	3	2	18	15	11
Gijon	9	5	1	3	11	9	11
Español Barcelona	9	5	0	4	13	12	10
Real Sociedad	9	4	2	3	13	13	10
Sevilla	9	2	5	2	19	15	9
Valencia	9	3	3	3	10	8	9
Las Palmas	9	3	3	3	12	13	9
Real Zaragoza	9	4	0	5	14	14	8
Burgos	9	0	8	1	12	14	8
Salamanca	9	3	2	4	6	11	8
Huelva	9	3	2	4	10	16	8
Santander	9	2	2	5	12	17	6
Hercules Alicante	9	3	0	6	12	18	6
Rayo Vallecano	9	2	2	5	12	19	6
Celta Vigo	9	1	3	5	5	11	5

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Strasbourg	17	10	7	0	33	11	27
Monaco	18	10	4	4	36	21	24
St-Etienne	18	9	4	5	36	22	22
Sochaux	18	8	5	4	31	21	21
Lyon	18	8	5	5	32	22	21
Nantes	18	8	4	6	33	21	20
Bordeaux	18	5	9	4	22	18	19
Lille	18	5	9	4	34	34	19
Nimes	18	7	4	7	28	25	18
Bastia	18	7	4	7	30	31	18
Laval	18	5	8	5	30	31	18
Metz	18	7	4	7	21	26	18
Angers	18	6	4	8	18	35	16
Nancy	18	6	3	9	35	31	15
Paris-St-Germain	18	5	5	8	25	29	15
Marseille	18	5	5	8	25	32	15
Paris	18	6	3	9	23	35	15
Valenciennes	18	5	4	9	18	27	14
Reims	18	2	8	8	12	29	12
Nice	18	4	3	11	27	48	11

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria WAC	13	9	1	3	31	18	19
Rapid	13	7	2	4	20	14	16
VOeEST Linz	13	7	2	4	17	12	16
Austria Salzburg	13	7	0	6	14	22	14
Sturm Graz	13	5	3	5	16	19	13
Wiener SK/Post	13	4	4	5	23	18	12
SSW Innsbruck	13	4	4	5	20	16	12
Admira/Wacker	13	4	3	6	15	16	11
Vienna	13	3	4	6	19	27	10
Grazer AK	13	2	3	8	13	26	7

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beveren-Waas	11	6	4	1	20	7	16
Anderlecht	12	7	1	4	27	17	15
Antwerp	12	5	5	2	14	8	15
Standard	12	5	4	3	21	15	14
Waterschei	11	4	6	1	9	6	14
Brugge	12	4	6	2	15	11	14
Lierse	12	6	1	5	18	17	13
Beerschot	12	5	3	4	17	12	13
RWD Molenbeek	12	5	3	4	19	17	13
Beringen	12	4	5	3	15	16	13
Lokeren	12	4	4	4	10	13	12
SC Charleroi	12	4	2	6	13	20	10
La Louvière	12	3	4	5	20	21	10
Winterslag	12	3	4	5	11	15	10
Waregem	11	2	5	4	10	14	9
Berchem	12	1	6	5	9	19	8
Liege	11	3	1	7	13	21	7
Kortrijk	12	1	4	7	6	18	6

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perugia	7	5	2	0	10	2	12
Milan	7	5	1	1	12	3	11
Torino	7	4	2	1	12	7	10
Juventus	7	2	4	1	10	6	8
Inter	7	2	4	1	7	5	8
Napoli	7	3	2	2	6	5	8
Fiorentina	7	3	2	2	8	7	8
Lazio	7	2	4	1	10	10	8
Ascoli	7	2	3	2	9	8	7
Catanzaro	7	1	5	1	1	2	7
Bologna	7	1	3	3	7	8	5
Avellino	7	1	3	3	3	5	5
Roma	7	1	2	4	3	8	4
Verona	7	0	4	3	6	13	4
Vicenza	7	1	2	4	7	15	4
Atalanta	7	0	3	4	3	10	3

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kaiserslautern	13	8	5	0	27	12	21
Hamburger SV	13	8	2	3	28	10	18
VfB Stuttgart	13	7	3	3	23	17	17
Eintracht Frankfurt	13	8	1	4	23	17	17
Bayern	13	7	3	3	27	15	16
Schalke 04	13	6	5	3	22	16	15
Fort. Düsseldorf	13	5	4	4	35	21	14
Eintr. Braunschweig	13	5	4	4	20	24	14
VfL Bochum	13	4	5	4	22	18	13
Bor. Mönchengl.	13	4	4	5	18	15	12
Bor. Dortmund	13	4	4	5	20	28	12
Hertha BSC Berl.	13	3	5	5	19	20	11
Werder Bremen	13	3	5	5	18	23	11
Cologne	13	2	6	5	12	17	10
Arm. Bielefeld	13	3	4	6	13	20	10
MSV Duisburg	13	3	3	7	18	31	9
Darmstadt 98	13	1	5	7	18	31	7
Nurnberg	13	3	1	9	12	30	7

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee United	13	5	5	3	16	12	15
Partick Thistle	13	5	3	4	14	12	15
Aberdeen	13	5	4	4	24	16	14
Celtic	13	6	2	5	22	17	14
St. Mirren	13	6	2	5	13	12	14
Rangers	13	3	7	3	13	12	13
Hibernian	13	4	5	4	13	13	13
Morton	13	4	5	4	16	17	13
Hearts	13	4	4	5	14	20	12
Motherwell	13	3	1	9	11	26	7

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roda JC Kerkrade	13	8	4	1	27	10	20
Ajax	13	9	1	3	34	10	19
PSV Eindhoven	13	9	1	3	27	8	19
AZ'67 Alkmaar	13	7	2	4	41	22	16
Feyenoord	13	6	4	2	18	7	16
Sparta Rotterdam	13	7	2	4	17	14	16
Go Ahead Deventer	13	5	5	3	18	15	15
Twente Enschede	13	4	6	3	18	13	14
MVV Maastricht	13	5	4	4	12	15	14
Utrecht	13	4	3	6	21	25	11
NEC Nijmegen	13	2	7	4	12	19	11
NAC Breda	13	3	5	5	17	27	11
PEC Zwolle	13	1	8	4	8	15	10
Den Haag	13	2	5	6	11	19	9
Haarlem	13	2	5	6	11	28	9
Vitesse Arnhem	13	2	5	6	16	31	9
Volendam	13	2	4	7	14	22	8
VVV Venlo	13	2	3	8	6	28	7

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	14	11	2	1	30	7	24
Everton	14	8	6	0	18	8	22
West Bromwich	14	6	4	2	29	13	20
Nott'ham Forest	14	6	8	0	18	9	20
Arsenal	14	7	4	3	24	14	18
Coventry	14	6	5	3	19	19	17
Manchester City	14	5	6	3	23	17	16
Manchester United	14	5	6	3	21	24	16
Aston Villa	14	5	5	4	19	13	15
Bristol City	14	6	3	5	19	17	15
Tottenham	14	5	5	4	17	25	15
Norwich	14	3	7	4	27	27	13
Derby County	14	5	3	6	18	27	13
Leeds	14	4	4	6	23	20	12
Middlesbrough	14	4	3	7	18	19	11
Southampton	14	2	7	5	18	21	11
QPR	14	3	5	6	11	17	11
Ipswich	14	4	2	8	14	28	10
Bolton	14	3	4	7	19	30	10
Chelsea	14	2	4	8	17	29	8
Wolverhampton	14	3	0	11	11	30	6
Birmingham	14	1	3	10	1	26	25

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Servette	13	7	4	2	34	12	18
St. Gallen	13	8	0	4	30	23	18
Zurich	13	6	5	2	26	15	17
Young Boys	13	8	1	4	19	19	17
Basel	13	6	4	3	24	21	16
Grasshoppers	13	5	4	4	18	17	14
Neuchâtel	13	4	5	4	27	20	13
Chênois	13	5	3	5	19	16	13
Lausanne	13	4	3	6	22	26	11
Nordstern	13	1	6	6	12	24	8
Chiasso	13	2	3	8	16	30	7
Sion	13	0	4	9	9	33	4

COLUMBIA

"Finalización" Championship (one game to go)

Section A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America	20	9	7	4	28	32	25
Millonarios	20	10	5	5	31	35	25
Nacional	20	10	2	8	24	17	22
Cucuta	20	7	7	6	24	26	21
Santa Fe	20	7	6	7	35	29	20
Deportivo Cali	20	5	6	9	26	31	16
Bucaramanga	20	4	6	8	24	27	16

Section B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cristal Caldas	20	10	6	4	36	23	26
Union Magdalena	20	9	6	5	28	22	24
Junior	20	9	5	6	36	28	23
Pereira	20	8	4	8	27	29	20
Tolima	20	4	8	8	19	32	16
Quindio	20	4	5	11	18	31	13
Medellin	20	2	9	9	18	32	13

(Top two from each section qualify for final round (America, Millonarios, Cristal Caldas already qualified) plus Nacional and Deportivo Cali (1st and 2nd in "Apertura" Championships) plus two teams which obtained most points in both championships.)

PERU

National Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melgar	16	8	5	3	24	16	21
Juan Aurich	16	8	5	3	21	16	21
Universitario	16	10	0	6	34	19	20
Sporting Cristal	16	8	4	4	30	18	20
Coronel Bolognesi	16	7	6	3	18	13	20
Atletico Torino	16	7	3	6	24	23	17
Sport Boys	16	5	7	4	21	23	17
Alianza Lima	14	7	2	5	30	11	16
Union Huaral	16	5	6	5	25	26	16
Leon de Huanuco	16	5	5	6	12	19	15
Deportivo Junin	16	6	3	7	20	31	15
Dep. Municipal	16	5	2	9	17	19	12
Colegio Nac. Iquitos	15	3	6	6	15	24	12
Defensor Lima	16	4	3	9	22	35	11
Atletico Chalaco	15	3	4	8	16	25	10
Alfonso Ugarte	16	3	3	10	18	37	9

URUGUAY

Major League (end of 1st round)

Section A: 1. Peñarol Montevideo, Wanderers, Sudamerica 12 pts; 4. La Luz 11; 5. Rentistas 10; 6. Bella Vista, Miramar 9; 8. Fenix 7; 9. 18 de Julio 6; 10. Peñarol de Paso de los Toros 0. **Section B:** 1. River Plate 13; 2. Cerro 12; 3. Huracan Buceo 11; 4. Danubio 10; 5. Defensor 9; 6. Nacional 8; 7. Central Español, Santa Bernardina 7; 9. Liverpool 4; 10. Huracan de Treinta y Tres 1. (Top six of each section play in second round.)

CHILE

First Division (seven games to go)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Palestino	27	20	3	4	62	28	43
Cobreloa	27	18	5	4	56	25	41
O'Higgins	27	16	6	5	65	26	38
Union Española	27	13	6	8	39	33	32
Everton	26	12	8	6	46	31	32
Colo Colo	27	11	5	10	48	44	28
Universidad Catolica	27	9	9	9	35	38	27
Universidad de Chile	27	8	11	8	29	27	27
Aviacion	27	9	8	10	42	44	26
Lota Schwager	27	7	11	9	42	37	25
Santiago Morning	27	8	9	10	34	43	25
Audax Italiano	27	8	9	10	28	31	25
Green Cross	27	7	11	10	38	42	25
Nublense	27	7	9	11	25	40	23
Concepcion	26	8	6	12	32	29	22
Coquimbo	27	7	6	14	29	39	20
Huachipato	27	5	6	16	23	42	16
Rangers	27	4	3	20	20	84	11

VENEZUELA

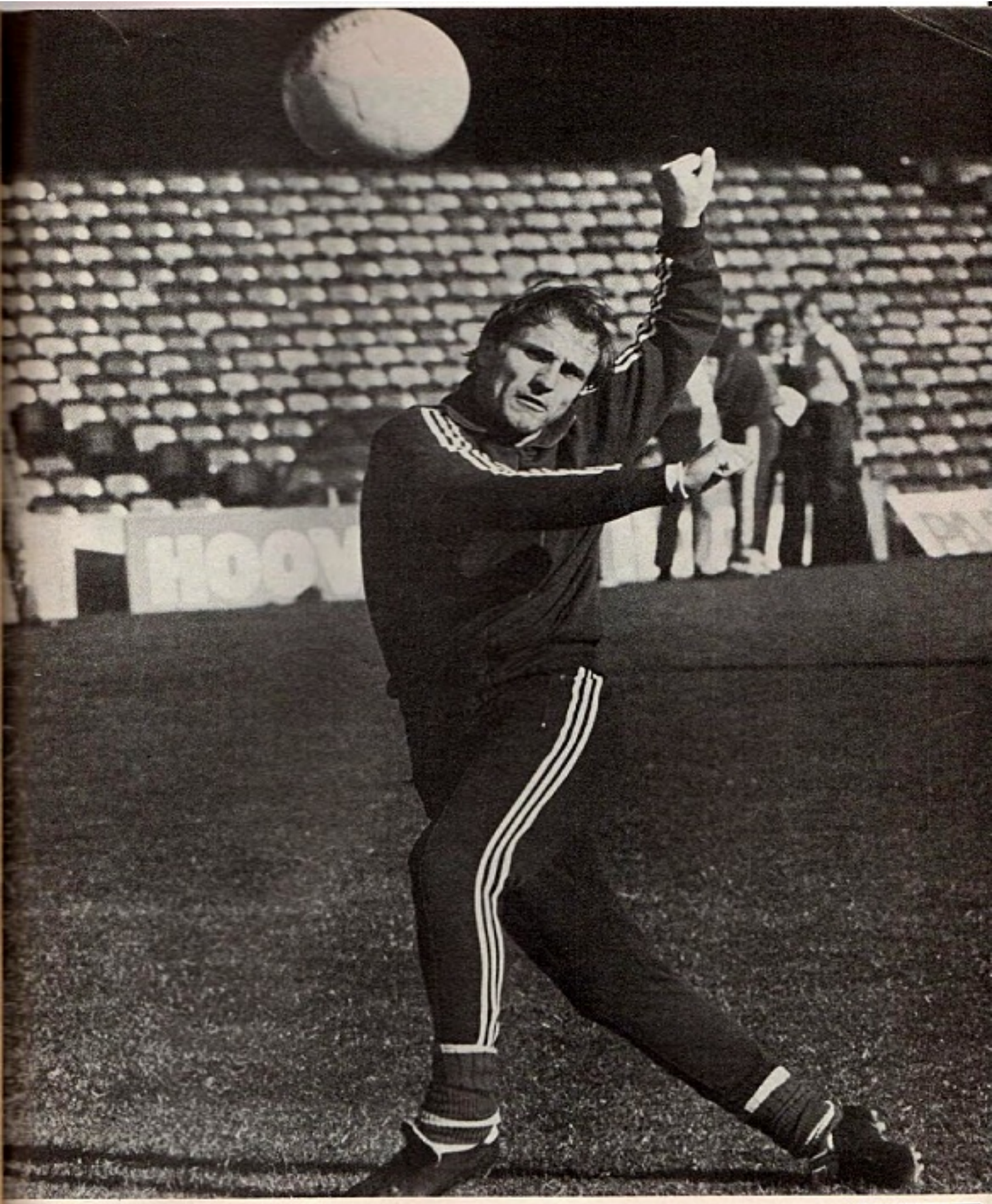
Professional League final round

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portuguesa	3	2	1	0	9	3	5
Univ. de Los Andes	3	2	0	1	2	4	4
Estudiantes	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Portugues	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Galicia	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Valencia	3	0	0	3	3	9	0

ECUADOR

Closing Championship

Section A: 1. Barcelona 14 pts; 2. Bonita Banana 12; 3. Nacional Tecnico Universitario 10; 5. Emelec, Deportivo Cuenca 7; 10. Universidad de Portoviejo 6. **Section B:** (leaders) 1. America de Quito 17; 2. Liga Deportivo Universitario de Quito, Liga Deportiva Universitaria de Cuenca 15



DENNIS TUEART New York Cosmos

World SOCCER

A.C. MILAN

Back row left to right: Enrico Albertosi, Aldo Bet, Gianni Rivera, Stefano Chiedi, Walter De Vecchi. Front: Aldo Maldera, Walter Novellino, Rubens Buriani, Giuseppe Antonelli, Franco Baresi, Franco Collovati.